

FACULTY SENATE

## Faculty to voice opinions

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**M**issouri Southern faculty will be afforded the chance to voice their opinions regarding the possible renaming of the College at two Faculty Senate forums next week.

The forums, held in compliance with the guidelines set by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the House of Lords Room in the Billingsly Student Center.

CBHE guidelines require the College to demonstrate that it has surveyed a broad range of constituents, including faculty, students, alumni, and business leaders.

College President Julio Leon said earlier this year that he wanted to have a formal proposal for a name change presented to the CBHE in December. Pending CBHE approval, a bill could be introduced in the General Assembly in January.

"The Faculty Senate would like to be the vehicle to gauge the reaction of the faculty to a possible name change," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, Senate president.

Southern's administration has expressed interest in the past in adding "university" to the College's name, but new stipulations by the CBHE may require the College to omit the geographic designation from its name. Stebbins said that was an issue he expected to see examined at the forum.

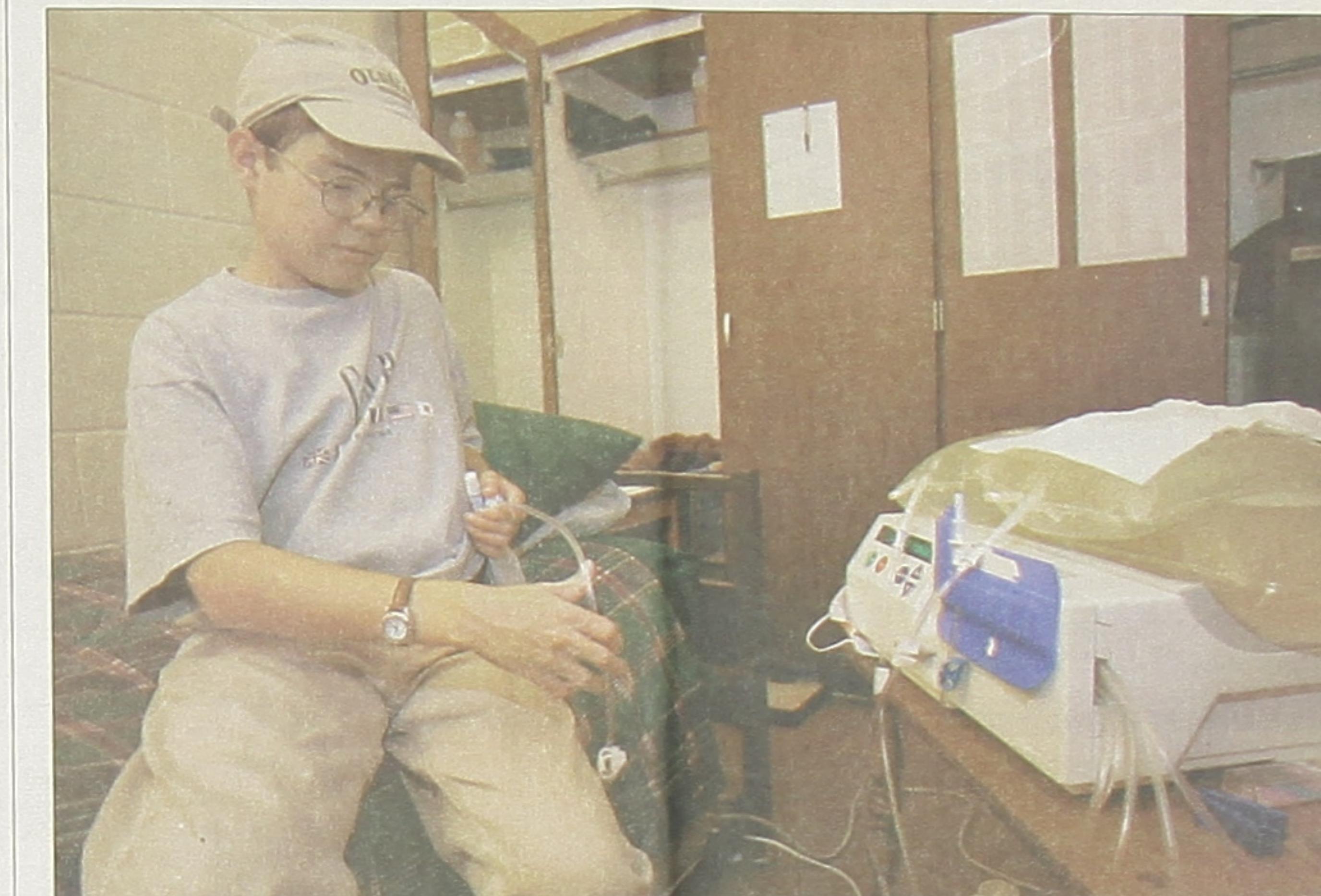
"The first thing we must determine is whether faculty indeed want to seek university status," Stebbins said. "If so, we may risk losing the Missouri Southern name, which we've had since 1967."

The results of the forums will be examined at the Nov. 2 Faculty Senate meeting.

"I hope we can pass a resolution to send on to the Board of Regents," Stebbins said. "The resolution might recommend a name change, or simply to keep the status quo. If we do end up with a new name, it's going to be with us for decades to come."

Dr. Karl Schmidt, vice president of the Faculty Senate, said he expects some dissenting views to be presented in the forums.

"It's my sense the results will come up for some discussion," he said. "But no one will be packing pistols." □



The Lady Lions volleyball squad drops a weekend match to Emporia State, but manages a win over Washburn  
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Doug Pitts, sophomore undecided major, demonstrates how he uses a dialysis machine to remove toxins from his bloodstream. Pitts is currently waiting for a kidney transplant. He has been on a waiting list since June of 1998.  
NOPPADOL PAOTHONG  
The Chart

## Overcoming fear key in Pitts' battle against disease

### Seven-year fight continues into collegiate experience

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**A**t the precocious age of 12, while other sixth-graders were studying science and math, Doug Pitts was learning to live with a disease that could claim his life.

A disease that separated one young boy from his classmates. That left him facing an uncertain future.

While other sixth-graders were making the gradual transition to adolescence, Pitts was forced to grow up much faster.

"From the beginning, I was in control of my disease," he says.

"I'm very meticulous about my treatments. I always wanted to know every little thing about my disease."

Diagnosed with a rare form of kidney scarring called FSGS, or nephrotic syndrome, Pitts' body was unable to dispose of pollutants. Three trips a week to the emergency room had to do the job that his kidneys couldn't.

Pitts couldn't eat salt. High doses of steroids left him sick and caused his face to swell. After one summer of heavy steroid treatments, he was unrecognizable to his friends.

As a result, Pitts' high school experience in Carl Junction was less than a picture of perfection.

"I liked the place, but I guess I didn't like

the situation. I just missed so much school," he said.

The situation came to a head one sunny afternoon in a Ramey Supermarket when Pitts went into seizures and had to be hospitalized.

"That was the scariest moment we ever had," says Joyce Pitts, his mother. "I personally hit rock bottom."

On his 16th birthday, Pitts took the test for his driver's license, then drove himself to Kansas City to have surgery. It would be one of seven operations he would undergo in five years.

Pitts wasn't responding to the steroid treatments. He would have to go on dialysis and begin the wait for a kidney transplant.

**'You can't let yourself be scared'**

Pitts, now 19 and a sophomore undecided major at Missouri Southern, has been waiting for a kidney since June. He had remained off the waiting list to take a growth hormone, putting off the inevitable. The average wait is 18 months.

In most respects, he is no different from the students in his classes. He lives and eats on campus.

But Pitts could just as easily pass for a junior high student. Years of intense steroid treatments have stunted his

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### DISTANCE LEARNING

## Area colleges consider ways to develop on-air classrooms

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

**W**hile debate on how to best approach distance education continues at Missouri Southern, other area universities are jumping hurdles on

this current issue as well.

Some of the most prominent concerns facing Southern include compensation for faculty who teach televised or Internet courses, quality of the courses, and the necessity of forming a faculty committee to oversee distance learning.

Tracy Rakowski, academic outreach coordinator at Southwest Missouri State University, says policies there leave most decisions in the hands of individual departments.

"We leave it to them to establish a syllabus and standards," she said.

"But we do try to choose faculty members who are pretty popular with the students and have high enrollment."

Due to the compensation process, it has become profitable for the departments at SMSU to handle distance education individually.

"Continuing education pays for the course and production, but the department pays for instruction," Rakowski explained. "Continuing ed. gets 80 percent of profits, and the department gets 20 percent."

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### MSIPC

## Piano competition champion takes Carnegie Hall stage for debut concert

By NICK PARKER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**N**EW YORK — Drawing the 1998 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition to a close, grand prize winner Krista Kovács made her Carnegie Hall debut Tuesday night in Manhattan.

The MSIPC, held every two years at Missouri Southern, offers as its grand prize a \$5,000 award and a recital in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

Kovács, a native Hungarian, has participated in several competitions and performed recitals at some of the world's more prestigious music halls. Her resume includes performances in such places as New York's Lincoln Center, the Liszt Festivals in Canada and Mexico, The Moscow Conservatory, and the Bosendorfer Hall in Vienna. She has also performed for the Republic of Hungary's Ambassador and Consul-General to the United States, and has appeared in numerous television and radio shows.

Kovács views Tuesday's concert as the pinnacle of her career thus far.

"I played well," she said. "I was nervous before I first went on stage, but after I began

playing I was no longer nervous. I just wanted to play well for myself and let the music speak for my feelings. I really forgot about the people."

With more than 20 of the approximately 100 spectators representing the MSIPC, Kovács was able to expand her audience. A portion of the audience was made up by Kovács' instructor, members of the MSIPC society and judges from the competition.

Vivian Leon, MSIPC director, said she was proud of the way Kovács handled herself and performed during the recital.

"Tonight was a different environment than at the competition's gala performance," Leon said Tuesday.

"Then she was a competitor. Tonight, she was here performing as an artist. She handled the change well; she was totally ready for it."

"I feel proud of her and of the group that has come from Joplin. They have given her outstanding support. She is an outstanding performer; it is hard to believe how talented and professional she is."

Kovács will make a return trip to Joplin in January. Her trip will include an encore performance as the 1998 competition champion. □

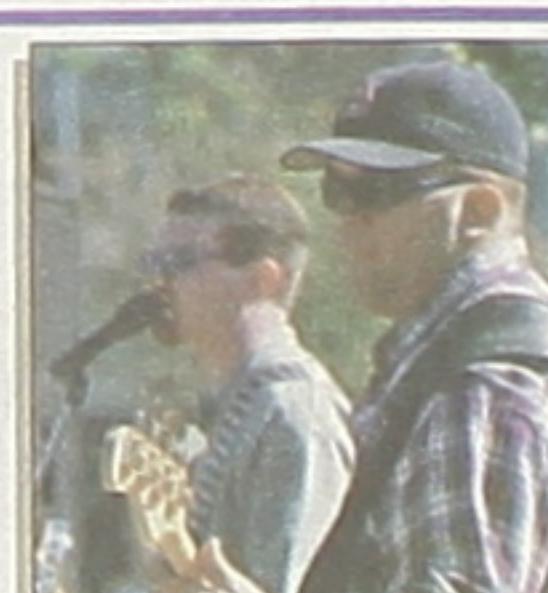


Krista Kovács, the 1998 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition grand prize winner, is presented with flowers after Tuesday's Carnegie Hall concert.  
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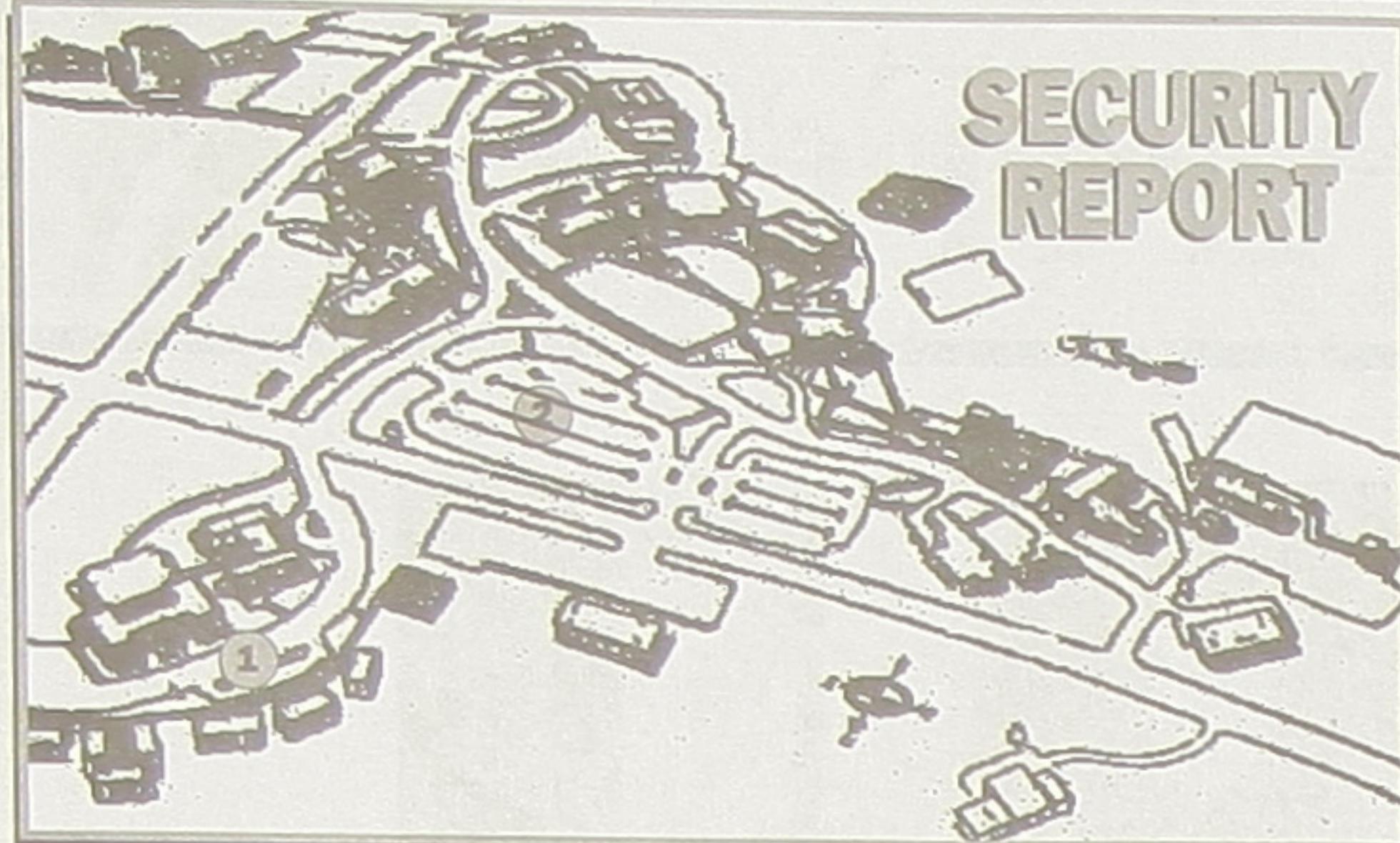
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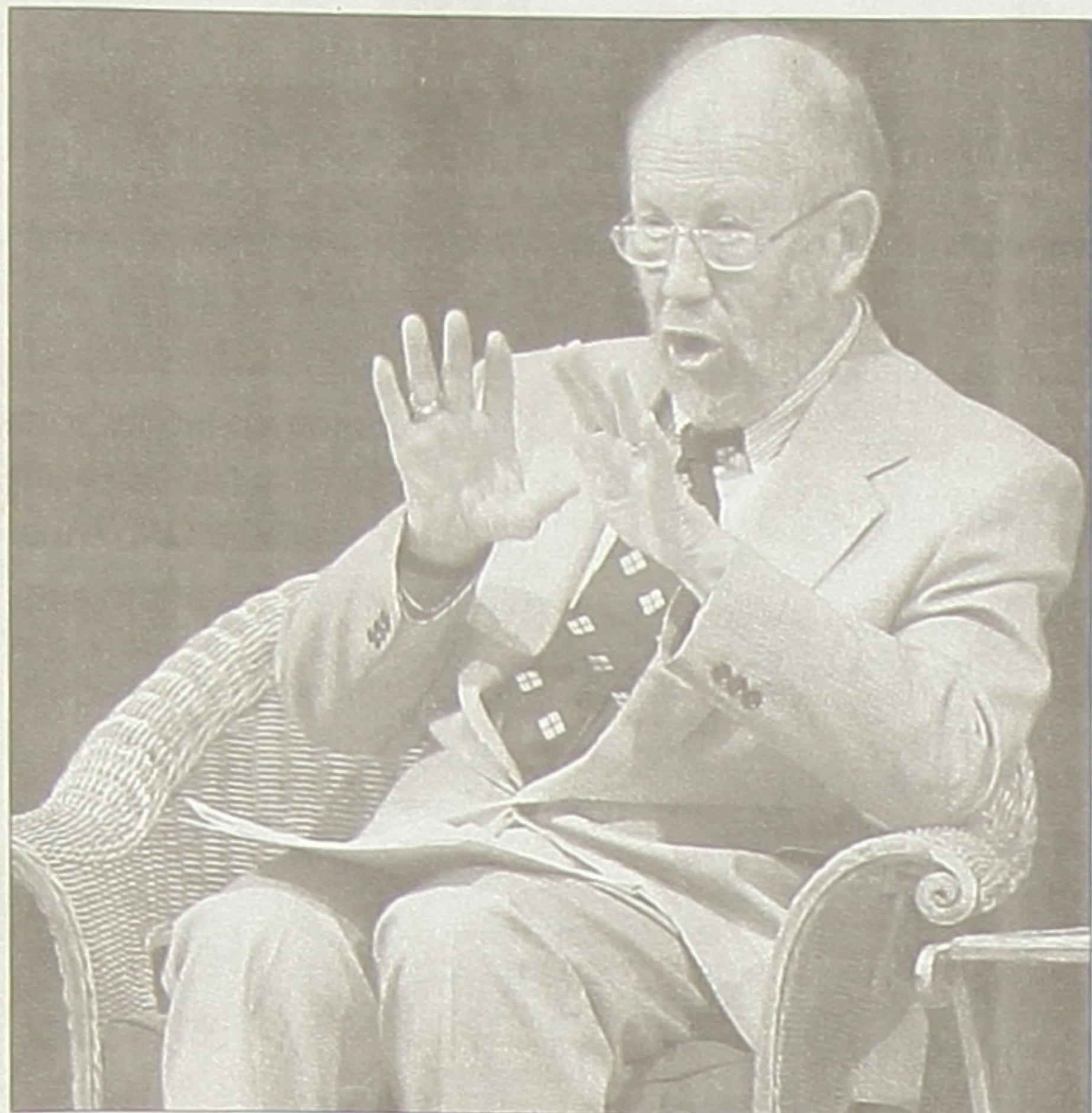
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- 1** 10/16/98 Residence Hall 1:15 a.m. A female residence hall student advised that she had received about five or six harassing phone calls. She advised the calls started about 12:30 a.m. and she received the last call at 1:10 a.m. The intention of the callers message was unclear but it may be related to her roommate who was not in the apartment at the time of the calls. At one point during the phone calls she was advised the caller was watching her. There are no suspects at this time.
- 2** 10/16/98 Lot #39 11:40 a.m. Nathan Box, sophomore biology major, advised he had parked his car at 7:30 a.m. in the main parking lot. When he returned at 11:40 a.m. he found damage to the bumper area of his car. He said he had backed into the parking space and apparently the car across from him had struck it when it pulled out. Box could not remember the make or model of the vehicle that was across from him. There are no suspects at this time.

**TELLIN' IT LIKE IT IS**

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Dr. William Hatchen, professor emeritus of the School of Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, speaks in Webster Auditorium Wednesday concerning Africa and the media.

All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

**Missouri Constitution Test:**

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in Dec., May, or July who have not taken U.S. Gov't. or State and Local Gov't. at a Missouri school should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before Nov. 12 to sign up. There is a \$5 fee for taking the test.

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## SENATE COFFERS

### OCT. 23 REQUEST:

■ No requests

### NEXT WEEK:

■ Southern Concepts

### CURRENT BALANCE:

\$4,800

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

NICK PARKER/The Chart

### HOMECOMING



Johnathan Clayton, of Studio 210 Salon in Joplin, cuts the hair of Crystal Cooke, sophomore undecided major at Missouri Southern on Monday as part of the Cut-A-Thon sponsored by the College's Psychology Club.

## Changes highlight Homecoming '98

By MICHELLE CONTY-PRETTYMAN

STAFF WRITER

**H**omecoming traditions met with some minor changes this year. For the first time, students had one not two elections for Homecoming royalty. In years past a primary was held naming finalists for the crowns.

"This summer I got on the Net and corresponded with other colleges about their homecoming voting," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "I couldn't name two colleges that have a

primary and a final election."

Those Carlisle spoke with recommended one election.

Voting was changed in other ways as well. The ballot box did not circulate from building to building. It was kept in the bottom of the Billingsly Student Center.

"We didn't have the confusion we usually have; we didn't lose the box or run out of ballots; it was more secure," Carlisle said. "It didn't hurt anything; we had a huge number of votes cast, more than ever before."

More than 600 votes were cast.

The box was open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 13-14. This allowed more voting time than in years past.

"There was a large number of votes cast before 8 a.m. and during the dinner hour," Carlisle said.

The parade will be at noon Saturday instead of 12:30 p.m. as it was last year in order to alleviate traffic congestion. Last year a traffic jam occurred due to the parade and extra traffic from Homecoming crowds. □

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## James takes outstanding alumnus honor

By BRIN CAVAN

AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

**T**his year's recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus award is a businessman, engineer, world traveler, and educator committed to family, God, and community.

"Thinking education and helping others in education becomes a way of life," says Webb City's Terry James.

His commitment to education has led to his serving as a member of the Missouri Southern Board of Regents and as the longest-term member of the Webb City R-7 Board of Education. He also served on the Webb City library board and the city council.

"The life of Terry James, in my opinion, is representative of the definition of success," said Dr. Ronald Lankford, Webb City superintendent. "His greatest attribute is his dedication to the improvement of the Webb City community."

In 1995, James retired from Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Company in Webb City as vice president of engineering services. His

pursuit of establishing world-wide regulation in the weighing industry led him to travel extensively. He has been in 10 European countries, five Asian ones, and every one of the United States with the exception of Alaska.

In Washington, D.C., his respect for the city grew with his familiarity.

"Everyone should have an opportunity to spend time there and see the seat of our government," James said.

In D.C., he attended conferences sponsored by the National Institute of Technology, worked with various commissions, and testified before congressional committees about standardization in his industry.

"I'm a great believer in duty," James said. "As you grow older, you apply yourself to many venues of opportunity and ways to serve."

His involvement in education has overflowed into many of his other activities. He taught classes and worked as a lay minister for the First Presbyterian Church of Joplin.

After 34 years in the Guard and reserves, he

retired as a colonel from the Missouri National Guard. His primary role in the military was to educate and train.

His wife of 43 years, Rosemary, died of breast cancer in 1995.

His Oct. 3 marriage to Mary Jane Walls combined their two families with three children each. All their children have attended or graduated from Southern.

The new Webb City kindergarten center is the Madge T. James Center, named after his mother. His daughter, Amanda Green, is its principal.

James' education spanned a 29-year period, culminating in his 1976 graduation from Southern.

Lankford said James received his skill, training, and education in Jasper County and has given back to the educational community in an even greater degree.

"He refined his skills to a productive end," Lankford said, "and he uses them in his own community. He has given time to civic functions of all types and is committed to improving the quality of life in Jasper County." □

## Outstanding Alumni

1988—Robert Headlee

1988—Mary Grundler

1988—Marion A. Ellis

1989—Michael L. Storm

1990—Cynthia C. Haddock

1990—Floyd E. Belk

1991—Barbara J. Bevins

1992—L. Howard Hartley

1993—Wayne Woodard

1994—Richard Hood

1994—Dr. Samuel Miller

1995—Jesse A. Reed

1995—Shelly L. Hall

1996—Janet L. Kavandi

1996—Charles T. Butler

1997—John C. Currey

1998—Terry James

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### Parking lot scheduled to open on Monday

More parking will be available to Missouri Southern students next week.

Bob Beeler, physical plant director, said contractors reported to him that the new lot behind Spiva Library will be open Monday.

Bill Boyer, chief of security, said patrols will begin issuing citations for more parking violations. Boyer said security officers have been lenient in issuing citations because of the shortage. He said the opening of the new lot should solve the problem. □

### Smith to present senior vocal recital

Missouri Southern senior Kendra Smith will present a senior vocal recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

The soprano will perform selections from the 17th century to modern compositions.

She will perform pieces by Purcell, Vivaldi, Saint-Saens, Brahms, Loyd Webber, and others.

She will be accompanied by Rebecca Koebbe on piano, Kelley Mann on flute, and Keith Talley on alto saxophone.

She also will be accompanied by vocalists Monica Hilderbrand, Meg Berman, Beth Jones, Kelley Mann, Kelley Musick, and Susan Smith.

The performance is in partial fulfillment of a bachelor of science degree in music education. Following the recital, a reception will be held in Phinney Recital Hall.

The recital is free and open to the public. □

### International marketing panel examines problems

International marketing experts will be featured on a panel during a workshop sponsored by the Management Development Institute at Missouri Southern from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 in the Billingsly Student Center.

The panelists will address the most relevant and current problems facing international businesses. Panelists will provide techniques that can assist companies with finding sales leads internationally.

Cost of the workshop is \$10 and includes lunch.

It is one of three international, finance, tax, and law workshops in November. A workshop from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 in Matthews Hall Room 204 will provide an introduction to the latest form of business organization in Missouri and the advantages and disadvantages of limited liability corporations and partnerships. Cost of this workshop is \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door.

"How to Interpret Financial Statements" is the title of a workshop from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18 in Matthews Hall Room 204. This workshop is free. A free pre-business workshop will be offered from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 in Matthews Hall Room 102.

Computer workshops scheduled include "Intermediate Microsoft Excel for Windows," Saturday, Nov. 7; "Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows" on Saturday, Nov. 7; and "Introduction to Windows 95" on Saturday, Nov. 14. The computer workshops will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Matthews Hall Room 303. The Management Development Institute (MDI) in the school of business administration provides training and continuing education for owners, managers, and employees of area businesses and industries. Custom-designed workshops also are provided. For additional information, persons may call 625-3128. □

### STUDENT SENATE

## Senators see no requests

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

They came, they sat, and they went. No old business was ready for the Missouri Southern Student Senate to vote on Wednesday.

The treasury balance remained \$4,800.

The only vote of the evening was a motion to wear formal dress to next week's meeting with the College administration. With the vote almost running along gender lines, a majority heavy with females voted against wearing Senate sweatshirts or T-shirts.

At the meeting the Senate will discuss 88.7KXMS, Greek housing, library hours, attendance policies, sidewalks, and fast-food restaurants on campus. Earlier plans to discuss alco-

hol on campus were scrapped when Senate President Jesse DeGonia was advised not to address the issue.

Senator Jason Kiefer presented a report from the food committee. The Senate will staff a Coke wagon Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the oval.

"We will have four different kinds of Coke to give away, so it will be a lot of fun," Kiefer said.

Kiefer also reported the results of a meeting he had with Bob Buckley, food service director. He explained the narrow menu in the cafeteria. Buckley receives only \$4 per day per resident student to build Southern's menu.

"It's a miracle he gets done what he does," Kiefer said.

Monday may see the appearance of a little convenience in the lunch room. Squeeze ketchup and mustard bottles may be available. Also,

burgers may soon return to the deli line.

The Senate will serve a dinner from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 11.

In other committee reports, Vice President Amy Graves reported that the judicial committee had accepted constitutions for three new clubs: the Russian-American Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Student Ambassadors. After the meeting the Senate Homecoming committee assembled to work on the Senate float.

Next week, the Senate will hear an allocation request from Southern Concepts.

Four senators were absent from proceedings: Kenny Brown, Henry Holmes, Rob Huffman, and Jessica Isenberger. Wednesday was Brown's fifth absence. The constitution allows only four. □

## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Homecoming in full swing

**B**arring a complete collapse on the football field, Missouri Southern's Homecoming 1998 has all the makings of top-notch shindig.

The Homecoming king and queen will be announced today. And, of course, if the Student Senate finalists take the prize, we can all share in the rejoicing. After all, we did pay for their promotional expenses.

The floats have been painstakingly assembled with lavish and gaudy detail. They'll be paraded around the campus Saturday for the students to enjoy since the parade doesn't run down Main Street anymore.

Then the game will commence. Southern will host Washburn in a conference showdown sure to be a closer contest than last week's shellacking at the hands of Emporia State.

But win or lose, the Homecoming experience shouldn't be diminished by the on-field performance.

The spirit of the festivities has had a week to fester. For days, students have been through the dunk tanks (or drunk tanks), the Fall Freakout, and the weird Psychology Club haircuts for the crazy brave. So what if the Homecoming hoopla doesn't exactly add to the learning experience. It does do wonders for morale.

Homecoming serves as the one week out of the semester when most students forget Southern is a commuter college. They stay after classes. They bask in the campus environment and scarf the free food.

Some find the oval for the first time.

For seniors, it's the last Homecoming and a chance to reflect on their years at the College.

For freshmen, it's a chance to acquaint themselves with other students. For everyone, it's a few days in the sun and a chance to recuperate from post-midterm stress disorder.

Even if the football team is stomped, it will take hurricane weather to rain on this parade. □

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Internet and televised distance learning is a tool with longevity

This instrument can teach. It can illuminate, yes, and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends.

This statement was made by a broadcast icon, Edward R. Murrow, concerning the power and merits of radio. It (broadcasting) can deliver images, sounds, and knowledge to individuals who otherwise may not be privy to such. It can broaden one's horizons. Indeed, distance education can improve the quality of life.

The potential for using various technologies to teach is certainly nothing new. Radio, television, film, videotape, and the Internet have been, and are used, to reach students well away from a campus. Many colleges and universities have established distance education policies, have their own delivery networks, have reserved microwave frequencies, have cable chan-

nels, and have World Wide Web sites. Students at home or at work may access distance education courses at any time.

Like it or not, pro or con, good or bad, the distance learning concept is pervasive in our colleges and universities and it will affect teaching and learning in the future. Moreover, distance learning is a growing component of the mission of MSSC. There are, however, a number of pertinent questions that must be addressed. How can this pedagogy be successful (successful for the administration, for the faculty, and for the student)? What are the benefits? Finally, and natural-

ly, what is the bottom line?

Real Education (see [www.realeducation.com](http://www.realeducation.com)) has posted a report, "Online Instruction: An Evaluative Report of What Works." Data were collected from over 700 students enrolled in an Internet course at the University of Colorado-Denver during the fall of 1997. Results suggested that the students were very positive about the class. The main point of concern, however, was that lack of interaction with the instructor.

The advantages according to students?

The coursework could be performed at the students' convenience. Students could spend more time on class material, they could read and print lecture material, there was a greater opportunity to participate, and they had freedom to cover the material at their own pace.

The students also noted that they felt more a part of the teaching/learning

process, i.e., they were *active* learners.

I have taught distance learning (video) classes at MSSC since 1993. My classes in Lifetime Wellness, Motor Learning, and Nutrition have been offered in this format. A total of 138 students have taken advantage of this opportunity. I like to believe that our video offerings have allowed me to (positively) affect the lives of 138 individuals whose learning opportunity came to fruition because of the College's commitment to distance education.

Moreover, I enjoy the classes, the students, being on TV, and having strangers approach me and say, "Hey, I saw your presentation on iodine, tetraiodothyronine, triiodothyronine, and goiter last night at 3 a.m." I might question why on earth they were "glued to the TV" at 3 a.m. listening about goiter, but the point is that they had the opportunity and they learned! Distance education is a challenge for faculty; the

class preparation is different, there is a greater time commitment to evaluate students' work, and there are occasional technical difficulties (patience is a virtue).

My current distance learning project is to develop Kine 358 Nutrition as the first MSSC offering on the Internet for the forthcoming spring. This represents a significant time commitment to prepare the class, and it will remain a major project as long as the class is offered in this format. I enjoy the challenge and the opportunity to be a part of this emerging technology and pedagogy. I believe that Internet education can make the student an *active* learner and therefore make the learning meaningful.

However, not all courses are conducive to distance education, not all faculty are willing to make this a part of their teaching repertoire, and a number of students want and need interaction with faculty and class.

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## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: [Chart@mail.mssc.edu](mailto:Chart@mail.mssc.edu). Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## Story depicting plight of Asian students on campus had no content

On Friday, Oct. 16, I saw the weird newspaper, *The Chart*, had a big picture of me with the headline "Foreign students feel pain of Asian crisis." This article gave an example of Nastia Bokova and Mayuka Ishii, who are concerned about next semester's tuition, whose families are faced with a financial problem because of their countries' economic crisis. But I must raise this question: what's the relationship between my picture and their stories? Do I represent their pains or worries about their tuition?

The photographer informed me that I would have an interview with *The Chart* on Wednesday, so I prepared myself. I permitted *The Chart* to take my picture on the condition that it would have an interview with me. But finally, *The Chart* didn't interview with me. On Friday, Oct. 16 they delivered this newspaper in every nook and corner of the campus.

Now what is the problem? Am I an interview fanatic? No! The problem is the description of that picture, the headline title, and the picture without relationship with the article.

First, the description of the picture is "Korean exchange student Kiboom Kim, senior English major, prepares Ramen noodles for dinner.... foreign students at Missouri Southern are faced with financially uncertain futures in the United States." This description alludes that I had to face the bad financial situation that makes me and other foreign students substitute instant noodles for dinner instead of a regular meal. This allusion is supported with the line, "but she (Bokova) isn't eating out a lot" in this article. But how can they describe the fact that I am eating at the cafeteria everyday, because I am living in the dorm? If this interpretation is wrong, what is the relationship between the picture and the article?

Second, *The Chart* must not use the terms "uncertain future" in the description of the picture. How well does *The Chart* know about foreign students' future? Frankly, this direct expression, attached beside my picture, offended me, because I do not think I have any difficulties about my financial future.

Third, *The Chart* is generalizing the fact of foreign students' financial problem from the only examples of two students, as we see the headline "Foreign students feel pain of Asian crisis."

I think the Student LifeBeat column is supposed to focus on the feature story about students, which means this headline is improper for this column. This article must set limits to these two students, if *The Chart* did not want to interview other foreign students for collecting data extensively on this article.

Therefore, I request *The Chart* to apologize, in public through this paper, for offending other foreign students, especially regarding the terms "uncertain future," and its mistake to put my picture without any interview. I hope *The Chart*, the representative voice of MSSC, acknowledges these facts and my letter will help *The Chart*'s progression.

Kiboom Kim  
Senior English major



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# Congressman opens constituent office

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN

STAFF WRITER

A new office has opened in Northpark Mall to offer a variety of services for Congressman Roy Blunt's constituents.

The Constituent Services Center opened Oct. 14 in hopes that people will know more about it because of its central location.

Dan Wadlington, public information officer with Blunt's office, says the idea of the center is to make contact between the public and the government easier.

"We did have the office at the federal building, but we moved it over to the mall because of the accessibility of the office and of the parking facilities," he said.

The center is located just inside Northpark Mall when entering from the Range Line entrance. The center will provide services for people who have

problems with the government that they need to deal with locally. A few of the problems people can get help with at the center are Social Security and veterans' benefits.

"We think it is a great move," said Mark Sparks, district manager of the Joplin Social Security office. "Anything to help customers with any problems that they need help with is wonderful. It seems as though help will be more accessible."

The office is staffed by three employees: a receptionist, a farm specialist who deals with agricultural issues, and a field representative who works with postal relations.

The office is open five days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We have people to help constituents with the necessary paperwork needed to appeal to certain agencies, too," Wadlington said.

Blunt also has a Constituent Services Center open in Springfield. □

## INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER

# Adults retain freedom with help of organization

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

**A**midst dust and rubble, the Independent Learning Center is undergoing major renovations.

As a result of a recent survey the ILC conducted, it was determined that more services were needed for consumers.

Leatta Workman, executive director, is pleased with the new changes.

"We have been needing a food closet for a long time," she said.

According to Workman, the closet provides foods to those on a restricted diet. Also new is the transition services. The staff can assist with helping understand and advocate the rights of persons with disabilities.

"We are currently looking for an attorney to help with ADA laws and make sure the people coming to us understand their rights," Workman said.

The center will be twice the size it was with an expanded meeting room, which would allow approximately 125 people in the office. The resource library will be expanded with new books and videos. A private conference room for individuals with certain needs will also be added.

"A person who basically lived in their parents' home their whole life came to us asking how to get a date," Workman said. "The problems are not limited to just getting a job or transportation. Any problem a person with a disability has, we will work with."

The center is not the only area receiving renovations. There are several new members of the staff, including Workman.

"This past year has seen a lot of new developments at the ILC with many more changes to come," said Melissa Locher, disabilities coordinator at Missouri Southern and president of the board of directors at ILC.

"The board was fortunate to hire Leatta Workman to direct the center in the coming years," Locher said. "There are several new faces and many old friends."

The ILC will unveil the new changes at an open house from 3 to 7 p.m. Dec. 4.

"We will be cutting the ribbon to celebrate the addition of 1,900 square feet to our office and providing tours," Workman said.

Legislators from Joplin, Lamar, Carthage, and Neosho will be attending the ceremony to present their proclamations on disability awareness. □



MARLA HINKLE/The Chart  
Gene Ruse of Ceilings and Walls works on renovations at Joplin's Independent Living Center.



JEFF WELLS/The Chart  
Correspondent Stephanie Daniel meets with residents in Rep. Roy Blunt's new office inside Joplin's Northpark Mall.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Jasper County collector removed from office

Jasper County collector Steve Holt was removed from office last Friday. A ruling by Circuit Judge George Baldridge in favor of a petition filed by county prosecutor David Dally left the office vacant.

Holt had held the position since 1989. Dally's charge was Holt's violation of a state law prohibiting collectors in 1st class counties from receiving compensation from outside contracts for more than \$3,000.

Holt had collected more than \$110,000 from the city of Joplin in the past five years. He repaid the ill-gotten fees and interest to the county treasury upon discovery of the error.

The office will remain vacant until Gov. Mel Carnahan appoints a new collector.

Holt may regain the post March 1. The Republican is unopposed in November's general election, although a write-in candidate has surfaced. □

### Schifferdecker named site of proposed water park

Schifferdecker Park has been named the site of a proposed water park for the city of Joplin.

The City Council decided Monday for the northwest Joplin area over sites near the intersection of I-44 and Range Line and Missouri Southern.

The Council will vote Nov. 2 on whether to proceed with the development of the park. Estimated cost is \$4 million, with an opening projected for Memorial Day in the year 2000.

The Council also approved a \$48.6 million budget for 1998-99 and gave a \$40,000 grant to the Joplin Family Y. □

## FORWARD, MARCH!



JEFF WELLS/The Chart  
Missouri Southern's Lion Pride Marching Band participated in Saturday's Maple Leaf Parade in Carthage.

### Recycling department offers free compost bins

The city of Joplin recycling department, funded in part by Region M Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, will be giving out free backyard composting bins and instructional brochures from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Public Works Center, 1301 W. Second St.

All residents from McDonald, Newton, Jasper, Barton, and Vernon counties in Missouri are eligible.

For more information, persons may contact Mary Anne Phillips, recycling coordinator for the city of Joplin, at 624-0820 Ext. 501. □

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## LAFAYETTE HOUSE

By CASSIE HOMBS  
STAFF WRITER

**E**very 15 seconds, a woman in America is battered, abused, or assaulted.

It's statistics like these that make many area women count their blessings every day for having the Lafayette House of Joplin to depend on.

This year, the Lafayette House celebrates its 20th anniversary. According to Donna Snyder, director of communication services, each year of service helps women and children more and more.

"Our mission is to provide leadership to improve the lives of women and children with quality behavioral health services," she said. "We offer prevention, intervention, and treatment for victims of abuse."

Last year the Lafayette House aided more than 1,200 people. The House offers several different treatment programs for substance abuse, violence, and physical assault. Because 95 percent of victims of assault (whether it be physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal) are female, the House offers services only to them.

"Many of our patients are children," Snyder said. "So, we are in the middle of creating a program for them. We don't want them to take a backseat."

Many of the women who utilize the Lafayette House are residents.

The House, funded by donations, fund-raisers, and the Joplin United Way, has small apartment rooms in the upper half of the building that house people in need of shelter.

"Fees are based on a sliding scale," Snyder said. "The majority of our patients don't have an ability to pay, so we rely on our funding to house them."

The House conducts interviews with women before they are admitted to determine what sort of help they need. Programs offered to women, such as Serenity (a drug and alcohol treatment program) and Choices (a violence and sexual assault intervention program), help patients overcome tribulations in their lives.

Therapy and counseling is offered in each program, and specialized treatment is available.

Most women bring their children with them to the House. Rooms are set up to accommodate children, usually to protect them from abuse in their homes.

Inpatient and outpatient services are available, and the Lafayette House tries to keep up with patients, even after they leave.

The Joplin Police Department helps us with security," Snyder said. "They are excellent about getting here when we need them."

Every minute a woman is raped,

*It's great to hear how differently they look at the world now.*

Donna Snyder  
Lafayette House

and approximately six children are reported neglected or abused.

The Lafayette House is hoping to change these statistics.

To celebrate its anniversary, the House has been presenting several tree plantings in the area. Each tree symbolizes a woman who has lost her life due to abuse.

"To hear women talk about what has happened to them in the past, and then to listen to them explain how their lives have changed is really rewarding," Snyder said. "It's great to hear how differently they look at the world now." □

### St. John's places babies on world wide web

St. John's Regional Medical Center has begun an Internet Nursery on its web site, www.stjohns.com.

The site will allow family and friends all over the globe to see a photo of their newborn.

A release is signed by the parents, and then a picture is taken of the infant with a digital camera. Each family is allowed to have a picture of the infant and a family picture.

The information included is limited to first and middle name of the newborn, birth date, weight, height, and first names of parents. □

### Congressman goes on two-day campaign swing

Representative Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) plans a two-day campaign swing through all 15 counties of the Seventh Congressional District Oct. 30-31.

Joplin-area stops are planned for Friday. From 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Blunt will be at the Republican headquarters, 32nd and Connecticut. From 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. he will be at the courthouse square in Neosho.

The general election is Nov. 3. □

# Around Campus

## Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



**M.S.S.C.**  
Student Alumni T-shirts may be purchased for \$5 from the Student Alumni Association. For more information you may call Rachel Deyo at 625-9355.

### Today 23 10:45 a.m.

Homecoming All-Campus Picnic, the oval. Pep rally and announcement of Royalty winners at noon.

**5 p.m.**

International Food Feast, Forest Park Baptist Church, \$5 for students and \$8 for the public.

### Saturday 24 Noon

Homecoming parade, on campus

**2:30 p.m.**

Football vs. Washburn University

### Thursday 29 7 p.m.

CAB Lecture: Jello Biafra, spoken word performance, Taylor Auditorium, free admission

NATIONAL FIRE VICTIMS ORGANIZATION

# House fire ignites awareness group

## Victims join to provide aid for area families in need

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**C**harred memories may be able to make room for the kindness of humanity thanks to the founding of a new organization.

The National Fire Victims Organization may help ease the trauma of losing a home to fire.

Sandy Lovett, senior sociology major, has used her personal experiences as a motivation for the founding of this new organization.

"We lost our home and all our possessions on Jan. 28," she said. "My sister lost her home and all of her possessions on March 22."

Lovett said an assignment from one of her classes helped get her even more deeply involved.

"It stemmed from an assignment for a class

I got approximately 10 days before our fire to create a resource guide for someone in the community who needed help," she said. "I was going to do something different, but after our fire I changed the topic."

Lovett said during the next few months she proceeded to look for more information on programs and resources available to fire victims.

"After my sister's fire, we dug a little bit deeper," she said. "I thought, 'Well, if I dig deeper, I'll find more.' I found nothing more."

"Her fire was on a Friday afternoon, and we didn't get help of any kind until Monday morning," Lovett said.

She said this lack of a quick response demonstrated to her that a fire victims' organization was sorely needed.

"I just wanted to let people know there is somebody out there they can talk to," Lovett said. "One thing just led to another, and it's just gone haywire."

The NFVO has a nine-member board of which Lovett is the executive director. The board has compiled a handbook that has a list of helpful guidelines for fire victims. The

handbook gives victims a detailed checklist of what they need to do after the fire.

It tells them where they can go to replace burnt money, it gives cleaning ideas, and it has a list of pertinent phone numbers for such organizations as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Lovett said there is also a care package NFVO has designed for fire victims. The package includes items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, soap, and shampoo. She said there are also special care packages designed for families with infants and pets.

"We put the first package on the fire truck Thursday, Oct. 1, and it was given out, ironically, to a staff member here at Missouri Southern," Lovett said.

In the future the NFVO hopes to complete a project that would be seen as a blessing to many fire victims.

"Our major goal for the next year is to have a fully furnished house where a family can stay for up to 30 days," Lovett said, "while they find a new place to go and get their life back together."

She said through their investigation they know no similar organizations exist in the state of Missouri and she has been unable to locate any organizations such as their own in the nation.

Beth DePriest, a senior speech communications major who is acting as the public relations coordinator for the group, said they are looking for more outside involvement in the organization, especially various on Southern clubs.

"I would like to see the public become more aware of fire victims," she said. "Most people think it won't happen to them."

DePriest said she hopes Southern will take an interest in the new organization.

"We would really like to get the campus involved," she said.

DePriest said they have a fund-raiser operating. For a dollar donation, a person receives a ticket entered in a drawing for a prize that includes two smoke alarms, a fire extinguisher, a fire-proof safe, and a fire safety ladder.

Persons with questions about the NFVO may call 624-FIRE (3473). □

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

# Clubs apply varied means for growth

## Publicity helps stimulate increased membership

By JANA BLANKENSHIP  
STAFF WRITER

**O**ne of the best things about college life is being able to get involved in the many activities across campus. It's an easy way, especially for freshmen, to meet new people and have fun.

But with so many different clubs and organizations, it's difficult for students to determine which ones to make room for in their hectic schedules.

Club sponsors aren't trying to make it any easier either. They are trying everything in their power to make their club look the most appealing to students.

"We've had cookouts down by the Biology Pond," said Charles Nodler, archivist and sponsor of the College Republicans.

"We also try to get speakers to come to the meetings. Last year we had Kit Bond and John Ashcroft come speak at a meeting."

The College Republicans is a club for individuals who have conservative views on political issues.

Nodler said the club has a sign-up table near the beginning of the year for students who want more information on the club and meetings and meeting times. Also, the club distributes fliers around campus.

Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, has been the sponsor for Model United Nations club for about 14 years. He said the main goal of the club is to participate in Model U.N. conferences each year.

The first meetings, he said, are publicized around campus by such means as *The Chart*, signs, and by students announcing the meetings to other students in their classes.

"We also like to ask professors from the College with expertise on certain issues to speak at some of our meetings," Teverow said.

Each year students attend two conferences with approximately 50-75 other colleges and universities.

The conferences are one way of exploring, Teverow said. "The first thing, though, is that students understand how the United Nations works and that they understand the implications of other international issues."

Approximately 15 members attend the meetings, which are directed toward preparing students with information and procedures for attending the conferences. About six to 10 members actually attend the conferences.

"We're not interested in members who only want to attend the conferences," Teverow said. "Attending the conferences is the highlight of the year for the Model United Nations." □

## KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

# Organization lends hand to others

By JO BETH HARRIS  
STAFF WRITER

**A**lthough it has a long tradition of community and campus outreach, its name may be new to faculty and students.

The Kinesiology Club, formerly known as the Physical Education Majors or PEM Club, changed its name due to a new direction in the physical education department. When the major of health promotion and wellness was added, the department changed its name to the kinesiology department.

According to Sheri Beeler, kinesiology instructor, students wanted to change the club's name to show people that the department included more than simply physical education.

The K Club has a variety of activities throughout the year, not all being sport related. In the spring of 1998, the club raised money for the Ronald McDonald House during its "buy a brick" campaign by putting penny jars around campus. This, along with other donations, raised approximately \$1,200 for the House.

During the summer, the club hosts the Lifetime Sports Academy, a camp for children ages 6 to 12. The camp features such sports as racquetball, tennis, bowling, golf, and volleyball, all presented in a non-competitive way. The younger children enjoy a variety of activities through the day. Each day ends with a free swim for all children attending camp.

This camp is not only good for the children who want activities during the summer, but also for Southern students who need the experience. The camp provides a way to teach children physical education before the Southern students do their student teaching.

"This was the first year that I really worked with kids," said Leslie Craig, senior health promotion and wellness major. "It was a really good experience. It taught me that I like kids and may want to work with them in the future."

Southern and Missouri Western in St. Joseph are the only colleges in the state to have Lifetime Sports Academy camps. Southwest Missouri State University attempted a camp several years ago, but failed without community support.

The K Club attends both state and



LESLIE CRAIG, senior health promotion and wellness major, takes a plunge during Monday's Fall Freakout activities in the Kinesiology Club dunk tank.

national meetings every year, as it is recognized by the state of Missouri. Because it is recognized, honors can be given to students who excel in the club and in the kinesiology department.

The club will help with the Health Resource Fair Nov. 4-5 on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. It will also sponsor a student health fair in February. Cholesterol and fitness testing,

information booths, and giveaways to students will be featured.

"At our booth we will be handing out brochures with nutritional information and doing fitness assessments," Craig said.

Overall, the Kinesiology Club has a variety of things to offer to the community.

"It's a good opportunity to prepare you for your profession," Craig said. □

## THE LION'S SHARE



TODD ENDICOTT, junior economics and finance major, and BRAD HINMAN, sophomore undeclared major, put the finishing touches on the Wesley Foundation's Homecoming display Monday morning.

Charles Nodler

Archivist and sponsor of College Republicans

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# Southern's Fall Freakout



Michael Patrick plays solo Monday during the Campus Activities Board sponsored Fall Freakout on campus.

## Concerts rock campus

By ERIN SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

**A**lthough the crowd outside the Billingsly Student Center wouldn't have filled the football stadium, Missouri Southern students danced, cheered, and sang along with the bands at this year's Fall Freakout Monday afternoon.

"It gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling," said freshman Jason LeMasters.

Desiree Petersen, vice president of the Campus Activities Board, coordinated Southern's Fall Freakout. Petersen also performed Monday with her band, Carbon Star. Other bands that performed were Four fifty-six and Ten Fold.

Fall Freakout opened at noon with Justin Ernest, Tyler Vestille, and Steve Gaines playing a set of cover songs on guitar.

"We play at my house strictly for pleasure," Gaines said.

The "modern rock" band Four fifty-six took the stage at 1 p.m. Members Eric Gruber, Jay Ketcher, and Gerry James pumped out original songs as well as a couple of cover songs to the after-lunch crowd. Four fifty-six has been together more than two years.

"We met through former bands and current bands and just kind of merged," Ketcher said.

*Salvage* is the title of the band's CD. It is available at Hastings and the C.D. Exchange in Pittsburg. Upcoming performances for the band include opening for Stavasac Oct. 31 at Carthage Memorial Hall.

Loud music, loud vocals, and loud fans describes Ten Fold's Fall Freakout performance. This "progressive hard core" band puts a spin on the typical "Christian" band.

Members Todd Wilkerson, drums; Dave Boyer, gui-

tar; Justin Elsten, bass; Jared Honey, guitar; and Jacob Jones, vocals, are all Carl Junction natives. That is where the band got its start.

"Todd and I just started playing in the garage," Jones said, "and eventually we acquired the rest of the guys."

Ten Fold just finished recording a six-song, yet to be titled, album. It is not for release yet, but anyone interested in a copy may write Jones at 10507 270th Road, Carl Junction, MO 64834.

Carbon Star was the final band of the day. It has been together since 1995.

"We're one of the few bands that's been around since the last Joplin music scene," Petersen said.

The band consists of Petersen on rhythm guitar and vocals; her younger sister, Joanna; on bass and singing back up; drummer Jesse Johnson; and Matt Fosse on lead guitar.

Carbon Star describes its music as "modern rock/gothic."

"When we started out, we were more punk, but we've toned it down," Petersen said.

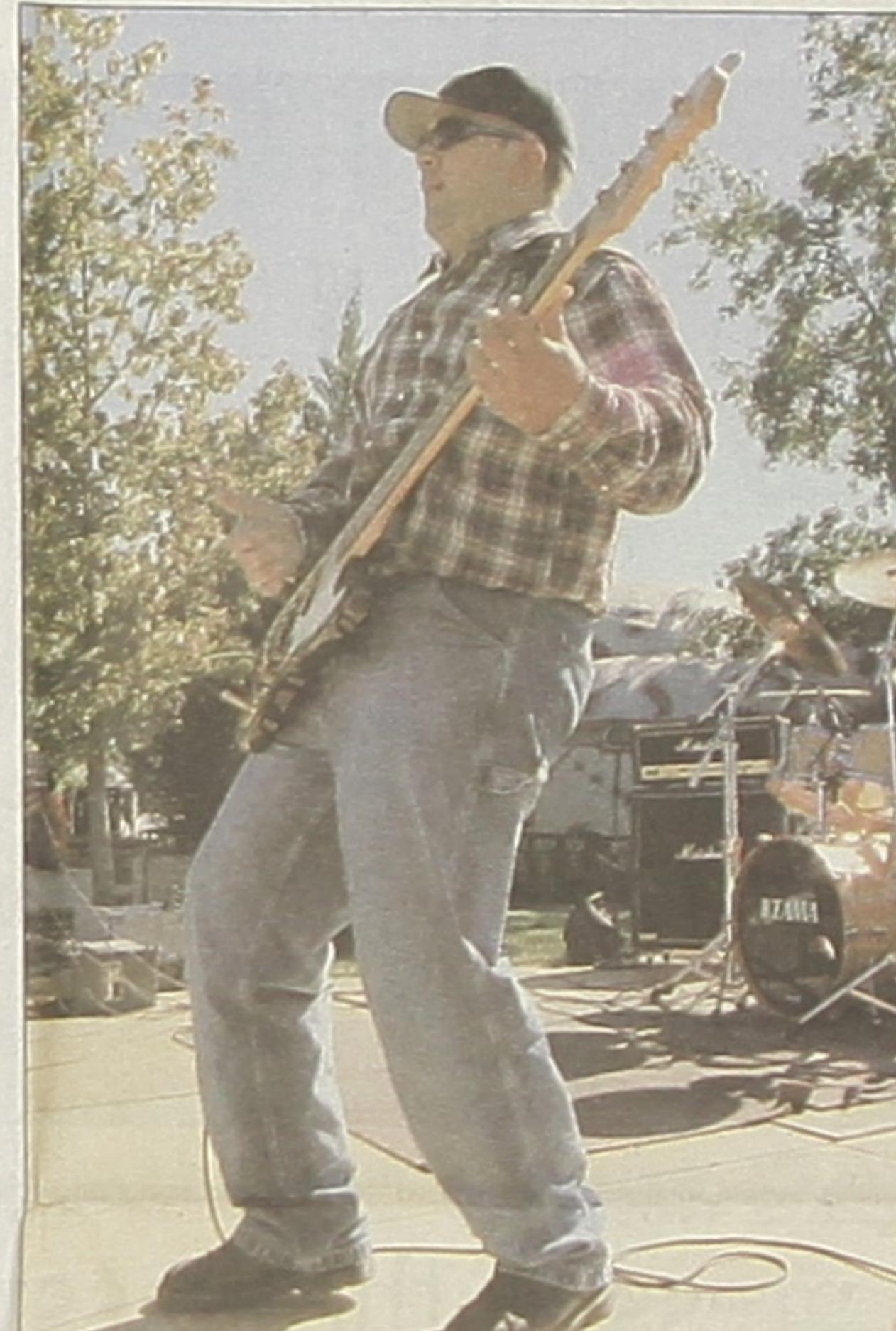
Carbon Star plans to release a CD in the next six weeks. It also has plans to tour.

Although Fall Freakout ran smoothly, there were a few problems. Sweet Lament, a band scheduled to play, canceled at the last minute.

"The manager called me and said that the drummer had a nervous breakdown," Petersen said. "Talk about bad PR."

Petersen's fiance, Michael Patrick, filled Sweet Lament's slot.

Despite a few scheduling difficulties, Fall Freakout gave local bands the opportunity for some free publicity. And it gave Southern students a free six-hour concert. □



Four fifty-six bass guitarist Jay Ketcher plays Monday in front of BSC.

## Area bands say Joplin lacks worthy musical outlets

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ARTS EDITOR

**A**lternative bands of the early '90s are now widely viewed as mainstream by today's standards.

Many of these early bands either fell by the wayside after they hit or broke up, or are now taking a backseat to the new "alternative" forms of music ranging from ska to edgier styles à la Marilyn Manson.

One key aspect is shared by all these bands — they owe much of their early success to the college radio scene.

Would-be Joplin "college" bands believe the lack of a traditional college radio station is a minor problem compared to the lack of a local music scene.

"Our biggest problem in Joplin is that there is no scene," said Desiree Petersen, whose band Carbon Star performed at this week's Fall Freakout. "The last time there was a scene in Joplin was in 1995 when a couple of former Southern students put together *The Undergrowth* magazine. There were a lot of bands getting exposure then, but by the end of 1996 *The Undergrowth* and most of the bands disappeared."

Petersen, who organized the Fall Freakout for the Campus Activities Board, believes the event was the only way for Missouri Southern bands to receive recognition.

"There are a lot of talented bands, but nobody knows about them," she said. "This is really the only way everyone gets a chance to see them."

Though some bands have played coffee venues across Joplin, their biggest success has been found in such surrounding cities as Springfield; Fayetteville, Ark.; and Bartlesville, Okla.

Ten Fold, who also performed at the Fall Freakout, is currently vying for a record deal with Tooth & Nail Records in Seattle. Members believe the lack of music scene in this area is just one of the drawbacks to remaining rooted in Missouri.

"We're a Christian band, which makes it a little hard for the scene around here," said David Boyer of Ten Fold. "They (the fans) really get into the music, and then they figure out what it's all about. We basically strive to reach people who wouldn't be caught dead in a church."

Petersen believes the stigma surrounding such terms as "college" band and "modern rock" has hurt her group and others in the area.

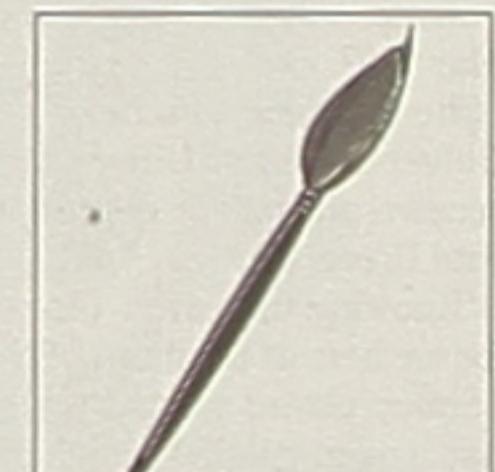
"There are two reasons bands have a hard time surviving in Joplin," she said. "One, there's no place to play, and two, when someplace does have music, they won't let anyone but bar bands such as jazz and blues play."

Though it would be unfair to compare a town the size of Joplin with the music mecca of the past 10 years — Seattle, Petersen hopes that one day the same type of domino effect will happen here.

"If one thing good happens to a band in Joplin, essentially it happens to all the bands in the area," she said. □

## Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ The Spiva Art Gallery's exhibit *Africa Through the Eyes of Women* opened Monday and will continue through November 5. Admission is free.

### Saturday 24

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring *Brushstrokes Dinner & Auction*. The event will be held at the Hammons Trade Center. For further details call 417-623-6808.

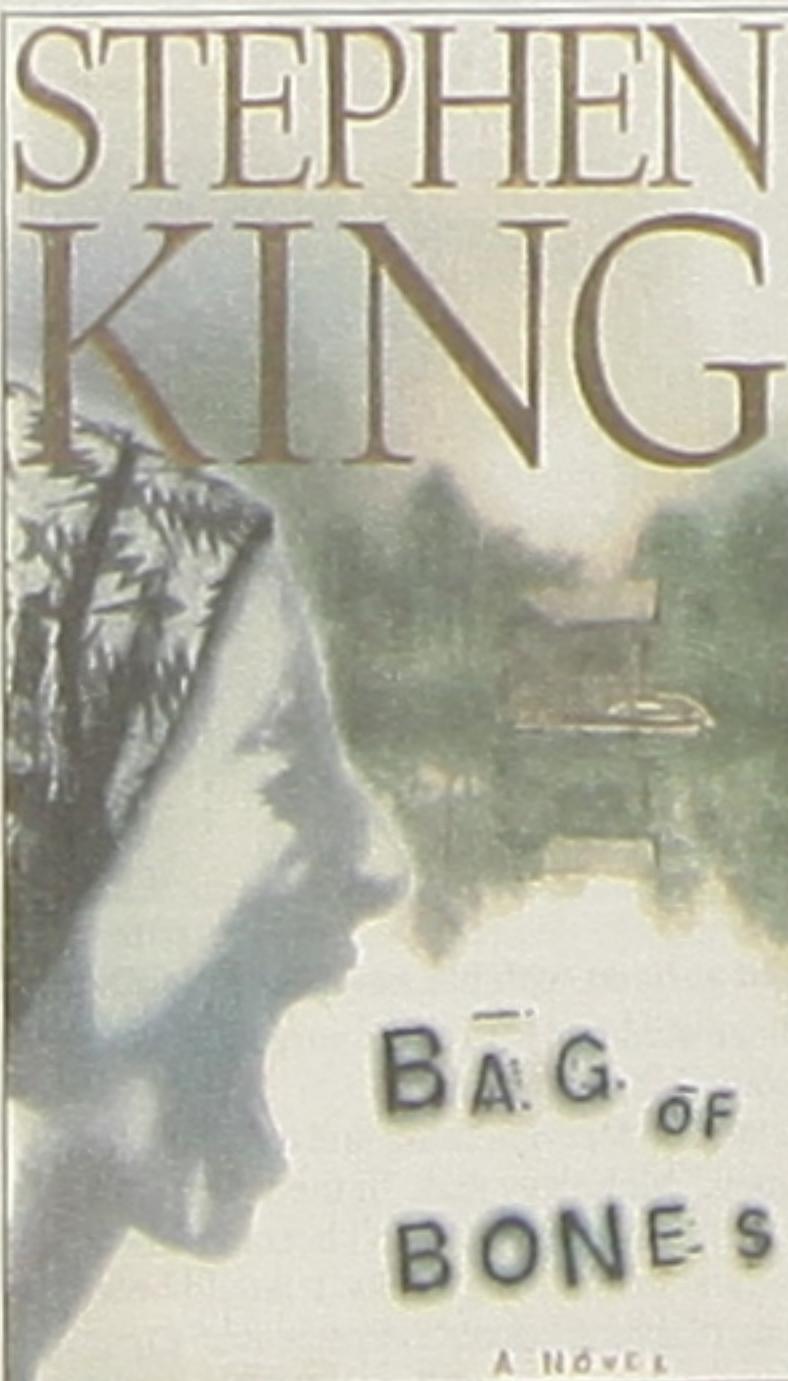
### Tuesday 27

7:30 p.m.—The International Film Festival will be hosting a double header featuring *A Day in the Country* and *Ecstasy*, in Matthews Hall. Admission is \$1.50.

### Tuesday 27

7:30 p.m.—Kendra Smith will be performing her senior vocal recital in Webster Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

## King remains masterful storyteller with latest offering



**Y**es, Stephen King lives. And *Bag of Bones* is irrefutable evidence. Contrary to urban writing guild myths, the self-proclaimed "king of the macabre" has yet to exit stage right from American literary consciousness. Long-time King readers may have noticed the tools of King's trade have changed, but the masterful manner in his storytelling remains intact.

Noticeably absent from King's recent writings is the need to rely on excessive graphic details and supernatural clique themes for emotional impact and story development, a course laid in with *Misery* and most recently with *Rose Madder*, *Delores Claiborne*, and King's latest tale *Bag of Bones*. King flirts with the gore and gratuitousness that made his earlier works such hits, but the quintessential thesis of his writing has shifted to dramatic character interaction with the supernatural as a backdrop.

King's stories no longer scare because they are no longer intended to do so. *Bag of Bones* is the culmination of this new dramatically conceptual construct.

*Bones* centers on protagonist Mike Noonan, a successful writer living in Derry, Maine, whose life falls apart after the tragic



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death of his wife. Noonan soon finds his writing abilities have deserted him, replaced with nightmares about the summer home, *Sara Laughns*, and what is lurking inside.

At the end

of his rope  
and unable to

Above all, *Bones* is the story of coming to grips with personal loss and accepting the natural, if sometimes uncomfortable, process of moving on.

And in the writing, King demonstrates that he has evolved beyond his reputation as a horror writer. He has eclipsed his writing genre without diminishing his powerful storytelling aptitude. In making the shift, King seems to have rechanneled his efforts from extracting fear to exploring its primordial origins.

In the storyline, King moves beyond generic and trendy horror subjects — vampires and the undead — and delves into more personal fears of solitude and loss, resentment and regret. King seems to channel his own personal demons as well — the inability to write, the fear of the writing market passing him by. In doing so, his writing takes on a more personable and believable overtone. The most terrifying tale is one that could be true.

*Bag of Bones* is literally the tale of a writer moving on and the result of one who already has. What remains to be seen is if King's loyal fanbase will prove willing to take the same step. □

## Lawler's job hunt leads to College

By DAN GUSTAFSON  
STAFF WRITER

**W**hat do Internet courses, video technology, camping trips, and mission trips have in common?

They are all things Missouri Southern's new technical specialist, Bryan Lawler, lives for. After graduating from Southern in December 1997, the 23-year-old Lawler began looking for a job. A few months later he was named Southern's new tech-

nical specialist in the continuing education office.

Lawler video records some of the College's courses and broadcasts them by cable. He also develops Internet courses.

"Basically what I do is try to develop the best distance learning program with the fullest learning opportunities," Lawler said. "There is a big need by people who can't make it to the campus."

At Southern, Lawler earned a bachelor of arts degree in communica-

tions with an emphasis in broadcasting.

"This is the kind of job I hoped to get after taking all those classes," he said. "I really get to use the skills that I learned here at Southern."

Lawler's first few months on the job have been a fairly smooth transition.

"My biggest adaptation wasn't to the job and the equipment," he said. "It was learning to work with the people who used to be my teachers."

It was kind of weird at first." As a student, Lawler was a mem-

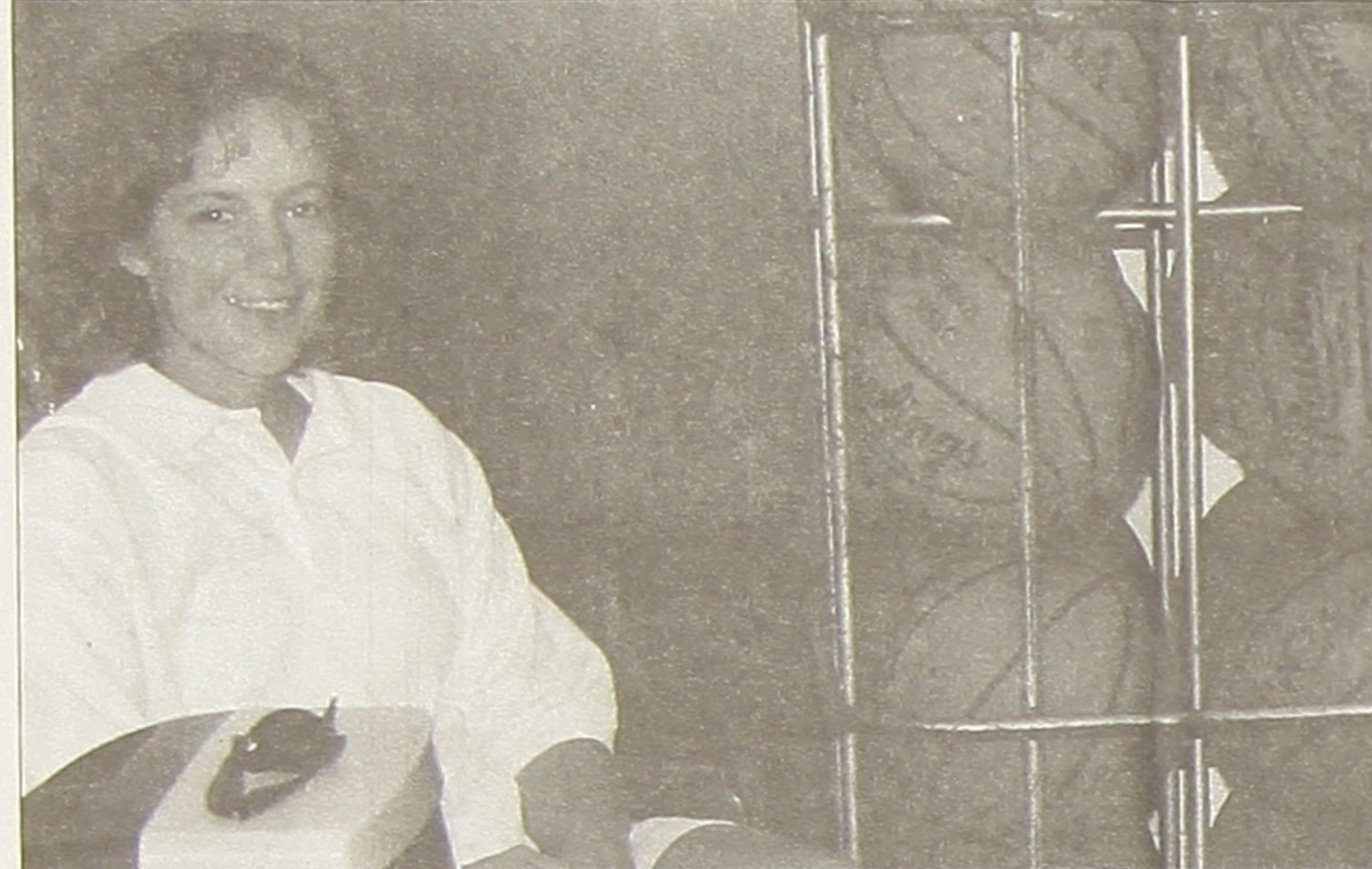
ber of the campus Christian group Koinonia. His wife, Debra was the Koinonia president. This summer the couple represented Southern and Koinonia on a two-week mission trip to Africa.

"We love to travel internationally," Lawler said. "From here on out we hope to take a trip overseas once a year."

In his free time, Lawler said there is nothing better than finding a nice, quiet place in the woods or by a lake and camping out. □

## WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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Cathy Shoup likes to mix business with pleasure when spending time on the court and spending time in the classroom.

## Full-court press in the classroom

### Shoup's philosophy on basketball, education seldom seem separate

By TRACY ROGERS  
CHART REPORTER

**S**pare time — words that do not fit into the vocabulary of Cathy Shoup, Missouri Southern's assistant women's basketball coach.

Shoup, a 24-year-old Carthage, Ill., native came to Southern in May 1997.

She received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Culver-Stockton University in Canton, Mo., and went on to receive a master's degree in physical education at Pittsburgh State University.

"Knowing the coach (Amy Townsend) helped open the door for me here at Southern," Shoup said.

Shoup played sports throughout high school and college. She was a point guard during her basketball career.

"The biggest influences in my life would have to be my grandma and my high school and college coaches," she said. "They helped in my decision to become a coach."

Shoup thinks working with the students is one of the best things about her job.

"I feel one of my jobs as a coach is to develop students athletically as well as in the classroom," she said. "To be successful on the court, you also have to be successful in the classroom."

"Southern is a very strong academic school that is very family-oriented and homelike — I like that."

Shoup describes herself as someone who always tries to do the right thing — with her job, with her life, with everything she tries to accomplish. Most people would view obtaining a master's degree at such an early age a major accomplishment.

Because Shoup is younger than most college coaches, giving authority and having the students respond to that authority could have been a problem. However, Shoup believes she is well respected by her students as well as her players.

Shoup teaches mostly Lifetime Wellness classes and activities. Some of her responsibilities as assistant coach include recruiting, scouting, traveling, and academic affairs. When she does find spare time, Shoup can almost always be found somewhere outdoors.

Shoup is a family-oriented person and regrets being almost seven hours from home. However, she is hopeful her future plans include staying at Southern. □

two years before that," McKelvey said. "In '81 I bought one of the first PCs that came out. And I just really got into it pretty quickly. I picked up programming, enjoyed it a lot, and it just kind of took off from there. I got into networking in the middle 1980s and just kind of stuck with it ever since."

He said he had a computer at his home but never used it.

"When you work on them eight or 10 hours a day, after awhile you've seen enough of them," McKelvey said.

One short-term goal is to become a Certified NetWare Engineer (CNE). McKelvey would have access to networking questions that normally would cost thousands of dollars. There's even a Web site where CNEs can log on and gain access to networking questions. He said it would be beneficial to the College.

McKelvey was born in Texas, but grew up in Roswell, N.M. One summer he worked about five miles from the "alien crash site," but never visited it. He said Roswell was not much larger than

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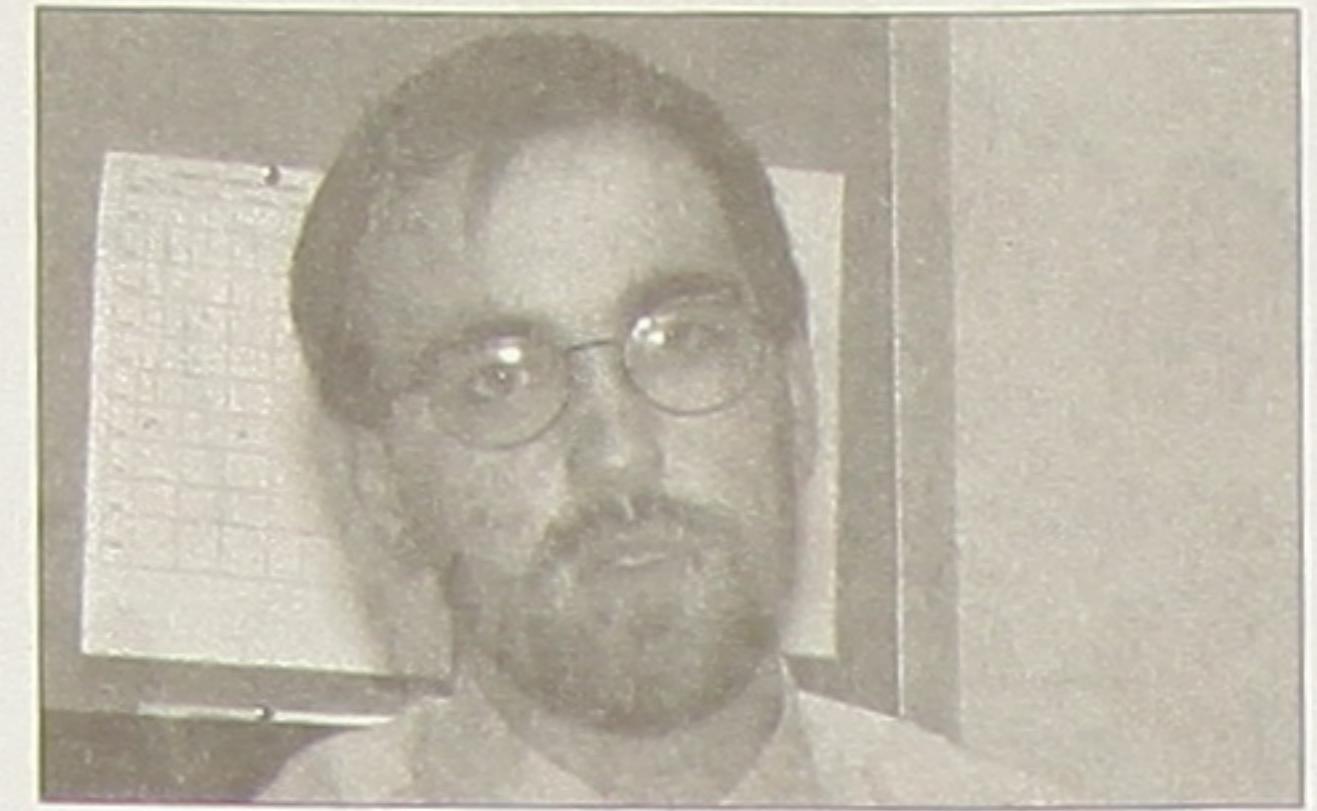
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Bryan Lawler recently became Southern's technical specialist.

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

## Dipley finds true love in Band-Aids, gauze

### College alumna returns to fill nursing position

By CANDICE FREE  
CHART REPORTER

**A**fter finding romance in a hospital, a woman developed a love for the medical profession.

Such was the case for Jan Dipley, coordinator of student health services. She met her husband of 40 years, Ray, when he lay tattered in the hospital from a car wreck while home on leave from the military. She accompanied a friend who was visiting him and said they just "hit it off."

After marriage, Dipley found inspiration in her mother-in-law's occupation, also an unachieved dream of her mother's, nursing. She waited until her three children, Don, Randy, and Jan Ellyn, were school age, then she began school herself at Missouri Southern.

"I've always had the desire to be a nurse," Dipley said.

She received all her nurse training at the College including graduate, bachelor's, and associate's degrees, with the exception of her LPN license, which she obtained at Franklin Technical School. Her granddaughter, Jennifer Adams, is following in her footsteps as a freshman at the College studying pre-dental hygiene.

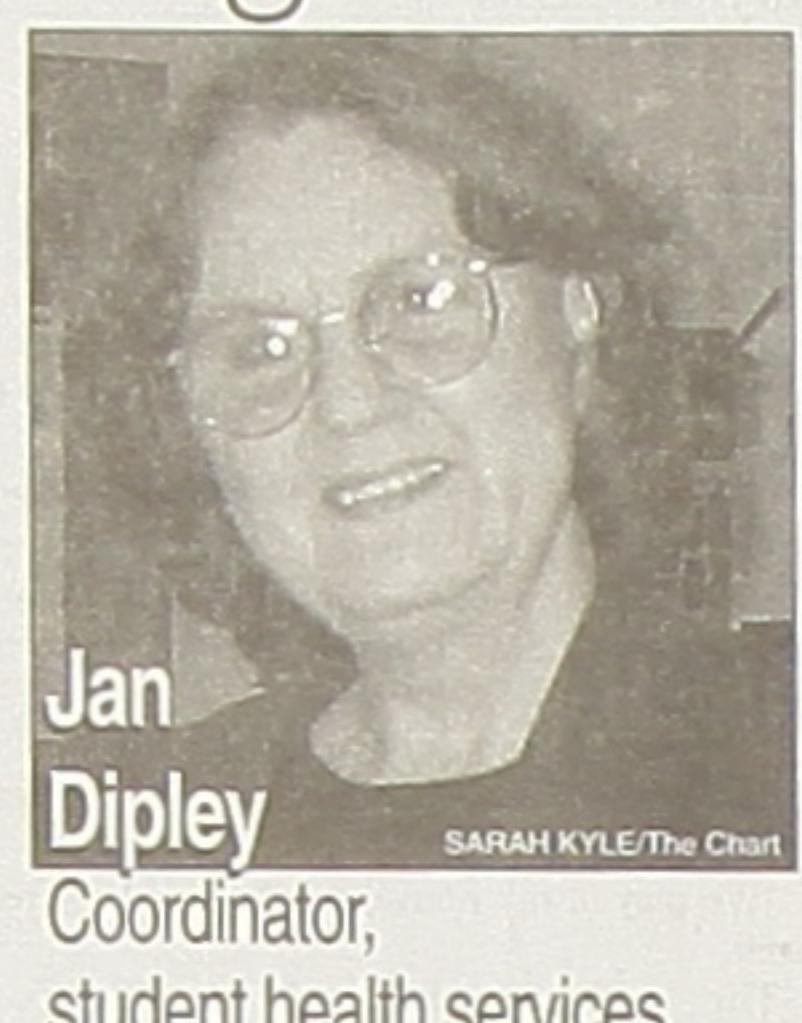
In returning to the College to nurse ill students, staff, and faculty, Dipley said with a smile, "I feel like I've come home."

Before returning to the campus, Dipley worked as a registered nurse and the coordinator for medical auditing at St. John's Regional Medical Center for 12 years. Her most recent experience was working for the Cherokee Nation at the Talking Leaves Job Corps in Tahlequah, Okla. There she worked as a family practice nurse with resident students ages 16 to 24, doing physicals and tending to daily health calls.

"I like the idea that I can help students and teach them that their health is their responsibility and it's important that they take care of themselves," Dipley said.

Nursing is certainly not Dipley's only interest. In fact, she said, "I want to do everything."

Dipley plans to take some foreign language courses while practicing at the College. Computers also spark her interest, and she likes doing various things on



SARAH KYLE/The Chart  
Jan Dipley  
Coordinator, student health services

her home PC, though she focuses little on surfing the Internet.

She previously held a job quite different from the nursing field as a quality control inspector working in a small job shop that mainly manufactured airplane parts.

When Dipley isn't responding to the various medical needs of campus dwellers, she finds enjoyment in an assortment of activities. She oil paints, shops, reads all kinds of books (her latest being a fascination for mysteries), and quilts.

"Right now I'm working on quilting projects for Christmas gifts," Dipley said.

Her favorite pastime is spending time with her family, who all live nearby in the Joplin and Carthage areas. Dipley, her husband, children, and eight grandchildren share an interest in horseback riding. She and her husband previously owned their own horses and now provide care for their son's horses.

Dipley and her husband enjoy traveling and have toured the country, though Ray doesn't like flying, restricting them from going overseas as a couple. They recently returned from South Carolina, where their grandson graduated Army Basic-Airborne. While there, they visited Myrtle Beach. Dipley traveled abroad to Germany and Oxford in 1995, and she returned to Germany a second time with a friend to see her friend's son who was stationed there in the military.

"It's so neat in Germany, but without the Autobahn, a person can't hardly get around, because the streets are so narrow," Dipley said. □

## COMPUTER CENTER

## McKelvey follows life's own paths

By BRANDON NIVENS  
CHART REPORTER

**S**kiing, biking, recycling, and good rock music are a few of the things that interest Sonny McKelvey. "I hear stuff all the time that I like," said McKelvey, the new network administrator/computer specialist at Missouri Southern. "In fact, I was over in the dorms yesterday and a kid had that new Korn album. I kind of liked it; those guys were pretty damn good."

McKelvey just turned 54, but feels like a 25-year-old at heart.

"If you see me driving around in my car, sometimes I'll usually have the radio full blast," he said. McKelvey's job at Southern is about 40 percent networking computers while 60 percent is setup and caring for existing computers. He has never taken a computer-related class. In 1981, he began working with computers and taught himself. His job chose him.

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At 54, Sonny McKelvey still feels like a 25-year-old at heart with his new job at Southern.

college students is to make sure their major is something enjoyable.

"Don't go for something just to make money," McKelvey said. "If the two are the same, that's great, but don't become an engineer just to make big bucks. It would be a waste of a very valuable experience." □



Caleb Ritter,  
a senior  
communications  
major, is spending  
the semester  
at Fachhochschule  
Ansbach in  
Germany.  
Every week, he  
provides an  
update of his  
experiences.

# A GLOBAL VIEW

## German dialect still poses a predicament

By CALE RITTER  
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

**ANSBACH, Germany** — One of the main reasons I came to study in Germany this semester was that I thought it would be an eye-opening and an extreme learning experience. I now know how little people from the U.S. know about other cultures. As important as I feel this is, the main reason I came here was to learn the language.

At Missouri Southern, I took one or two German courses every semester

for two years. When I left the States in mid-August, I thought I had a fair grasp of the language but that being immersed completely in this foreign language and culture would force me to finish my learning. I can say now that we don't study foreign languages nearly long enough in America. Two years could never be enough.

I've had to learn to adjust to the speed levels and certain dialects. Even though Germany is so much smaller than the States, the dialects are very strong and diverse. I've talked to many students from all over

the country. It seems that nearly all of them say that when they go to another area of the country, they have problems understanding the dialect. Often they cannot even understand the message being conveyed. I know that we have varying dialects and slangs in the U.S., but I think it would be rare that we couldn't understand someone from a different region of the country.

Here is the reason I know we don't study foreign language long enough. Germans begin studying English in the fourth grade. Whenever I am in a bind with my speaking, the person I

am speaking to is able to understand me if I speak English. With this many years' background, how could they not understand? Some of the older people I've met who know English have a fascinating reason for learning the language. They were American prisoners of war. The conversations I've had with some of these men are fascinating. The ones I've spoken with have had good things to say about their experience with the Americans, even though they were POWs. It's not that I don't learn anything, either. My class lectures are obviously in

German, I listen to all of my friends speak their native language, and I hear TV programs and movies as well. If I want to, I can listen to English. I get CNN and NBC in my apartment. I am very glad that I can watch CNN because I can keep up with a few of the news stories in the U.S. There are a few differences between America's CNN and the CNN I watch. There are more international events covered here. By the way, TV and radio here is not free. You have to pay a local company to get TV and radio. What a surprise this was to me! □

## School of business administration strives to meet challenge

### International Spotlight



Through this column, the International Trade and Quality Center at Missouri Southern features topics relevant to area business and individuals ranging from trading strategies to travel concerns. From time to time, the focus will be on regional companies dependent on international business.

**M**issouri Southern has been named by the state of Missouri as a state institution that will provide enrichment in international education to its students. Southern's school of business administration is aggressively pursuing a variety of objectives to meet that important and timely challenge. One of the main goals is the development of an International Trade Center.

In order to provide students with the exposure to international issues and opportunities, the Center is focusing on two broad mission statements:

- 1) To develop and enhance an international business curriculum with opportunities to study international management, finance, and marketing; to encourage a proficiency in a language(s); to complete an internship in an international organization; and,
- 2) To develop international consulting and resource assistance for four-state organizations and individuals who are or wish to be

involved in international trade. As the Center's director, I coordinate activities, seminars, and obtain resources. I also teach Quality Management and Human Resource Management. Dr. Julio Sardinas and Dr. William Bradberry are also associated with the Center and both have extensive experience in the international business arena. Each teaches two classes and assists with market plans, entry strategies, and international contracts.

The Center is providing immediate employment experience for some students. Three part-time student staff members and four international students are involved in administrative, clerical, and research activities. The students work from five to 20 hours per week. The International Trade Center also is reaching out to the region and taking advantage of the many community resources. An advisory board of 11 individuals, all actively involved in international trade, represent organizations from

three states, including manufacturing, retailing, and not-for-profit. This expertise is invaluable to the Center's success.

To provide "real world" experiences, the Center has established international internships both abroad and with local organizations involved in international trade. Two Southern students are currently working in Spain. We also have developed contacts with organizations in England, Germany, Sweden, Japan, and Holland.

The Center also is designed to serve as a resource for the region's business community. The staff plans, presents, and hosts various international conferences and seminars such as the Mid-West U.S. Japan Conference in Kansas City where we co-hosted a reception for Japanese and U.S. industry with the area chambers of commerce, Empire District Electric Co., and Crowder College. Seminars have been presented on "Getting Started in International Trade," "Doing Business in Europe," "Doing Business in Asia," and "Current Issues in International Trade." The seminars vary in length from four hours to several days. On the academic side, four new semester-length international business courses have been approved. They include International Marketing, International Management, International Finance, and International Accounting.

The Center is involved in the process of infusing international aspects of education throughout the business curriculum. Full semester courses are now offered in the basic principles of International Business on both day and evening schedules. Students may attend on either a credit or non-credit basis. International Marketing is being taught for the first time, while January 1999 will mark the introduction of an International Finance course. It will be offered in the evening division.

We welcome calls to the Center at 625-9538 or 625-9507 with any questions or comments. □

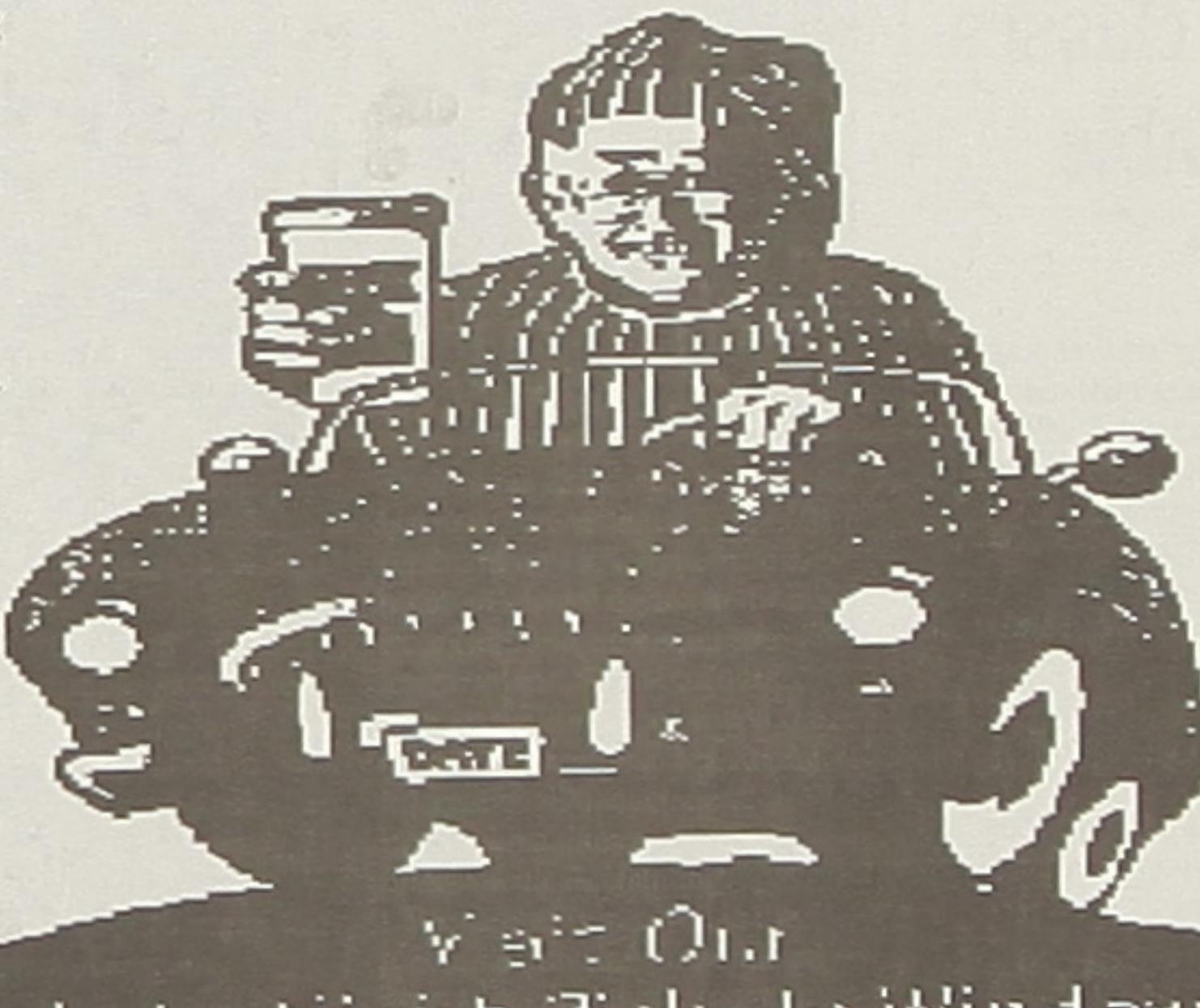
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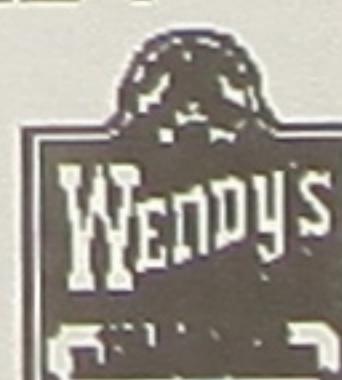
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**EARLY PLAY**



Missouri Southern's baseball team played a 20-inning fall ball match-up against Layette County Community College on Tuesday afternoon at Joe Becker Stadium.

JEFF WELLS/The Chart

**NELSON:**  
video classes  
are viable

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mates. It is my sincere hope that the College administration recognize these facts and will include students and faculty in establishing policies and in generating ideas to make our distance education the most positive experience possible for the College, for the faculty, and for the students.

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**FIGHT:** Pitts waits for kidney transplant

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growth.

"When I'm in public, people don't take me seriously because they think I'm a little kid," he says. "That's one of the things I have to deal with."

Another would be the dialysis machine Pitts must be hooked to for nine hours every day. The machine pumps 15 liters of fluids through his body every day to remove the toxins. The dialysis machine limits his movements and restricts his activities.

"I used to love to swim," he says. "But it's too difficult now. I kind of miss that."

For Pitts, it would be too easy to view the world through jaded eyes and resentment.

But despite the false hopes and failed treatments, he remains positive about his illness and his outcome. He can see brighter days ahead when he won't have to be scared. A day when the pager he carries to class will let him

know a kidney is available and a new shot at a normal life is within his reach.

"It doesn't do any good to concentrate on the bad things," he says. "You can't let yourself be scared all the time. Everybody gets scared at times, but it's something I try not to dwell on."

Joyce Pitts echoes the sentiment.

But from the moment Pitts' parents learned of the disease, they also learned something about their son's determination.

"He knew from the beginning that it was his disease to live with," she said. "I couldn't take it from him, and his dad couldn't take it from him. And he handles it better than any of us."

"He's accepted the fact that he has a chronic disease, and I think it's pretty phenomenal that he's been able to carry on and live on campus."

But that's nothing out of the ordinary for Pitts.

He's uninterested in being phenomenal when a normal life is just around the corner. □

**VIDEO:** area colleges creating new policies

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She says tapes of a class made by a popular history professor have brought in around \$100,000 in the last five years.

"It's expensive to produce the course, but after you run it you make your money back pretty quickly," Rakowski said.

Missouri Western State College has been utilizing distance education opportunities for several years and has a growing program. Dr. Edwin Gorsky, dean of continuing education, also chairs the board that has been established by the college to oversee distance education.

"We know there are a lot of issues facing this type of learning, and we discuss the issues as they come up," he said.

Western has already established policies on the issues of compensation and copy rights.

"As far as who owns the end product, Missouri Western does, but once a video is made it will not be shown without approval of the faculty who created it," Gorsky said.

Gorsky said faculty have a number of options on the issue of compensation, especially if he/she is already teaching a full load of classes.

"That's an overload situation," he said.

Only the instructor on tape can be in charge of a televised course. When an instructor retires, the tapes are destroyed.

Gorsky says the committee makes policy-making easier because it has representation from all areas of the college.

"There was never any question in our situation, but we wanted representation across the board," he said.

"I think a distance education course is interrelated among all facets of the campus."

Amanda Haile, executive secretary for the Northwest Missouri State University education consortium, says Northwest is just beginning to face distance learning issues but has already established a faculty committee to oversee concerns in distance education.

"Course sizes, ownership of courses, and loss of curriculum are things we have begun to discuss," she said.

While Southern's Faculty Senate may be in for a heated debate over the topic of committee formation, Haile says the issue was easily settled at Northwest.

"They meet to discuss courses and bring up concerns," she said, "and it went over well with the administration." □

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SOCER

# Lions suffer defeat at Midwestern State

By DAN GUSTAFSON  
STAFF WRITER

**M**ediocre. Lukewarm. Disappointing. Not exactly the descriptions expected of Missouri Southern's soccer team after last season's conference co-championship.

*"It wasn't bad for our first season. We really surprised some people."*

**Jim Cook**  
Head soccer coach

*"They have really improved physically throughout the season," Gregory said.*

*"At the beginning of the season Jason Young was the starter at left tackle, but was notified that he could no longer play*

year. Southern's schedule doesn't get much easier as its four remaining games are all against teams that are ranked in the top 20 in the nation.

Southern's next home game is at 7 p.m. Wednesday against fifth-ranked powerhouse Rockhurst College.

"It has been a season of missed opportunities," said coach Jim Cook. "We had really high expectations, but we've really had a mediocre season."

Southern's only conference loss came against the University of Missouri-Rolla in overtime.

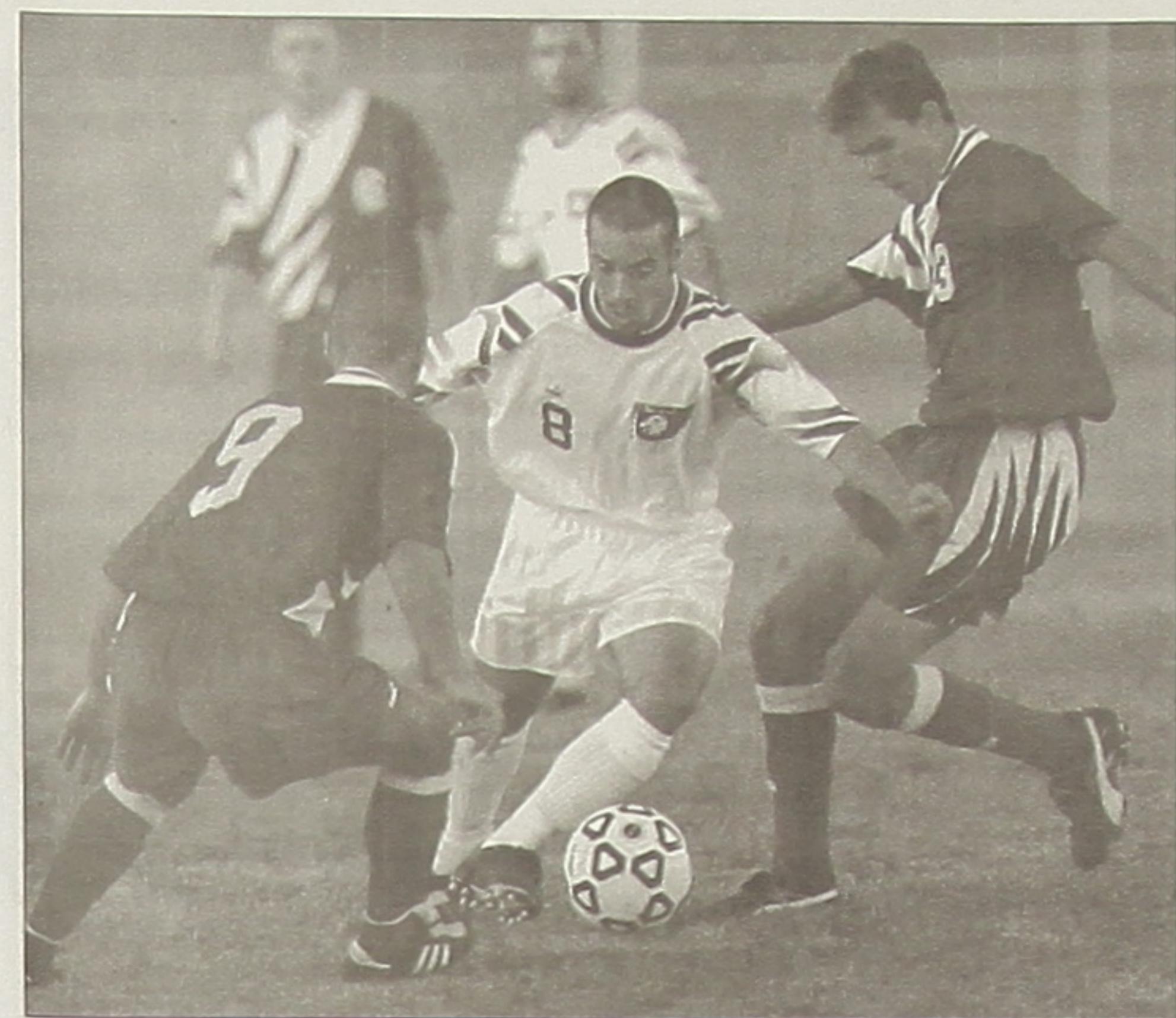
"It was a real heart breaker," Cook said. "We really needed that game."

With the Lions losing only three seniors, next year's expectations are already high.

"Next year is definitely looking good," Cook said. "But we are not looking past this season. We can still finish strong, and that is what we need to do."

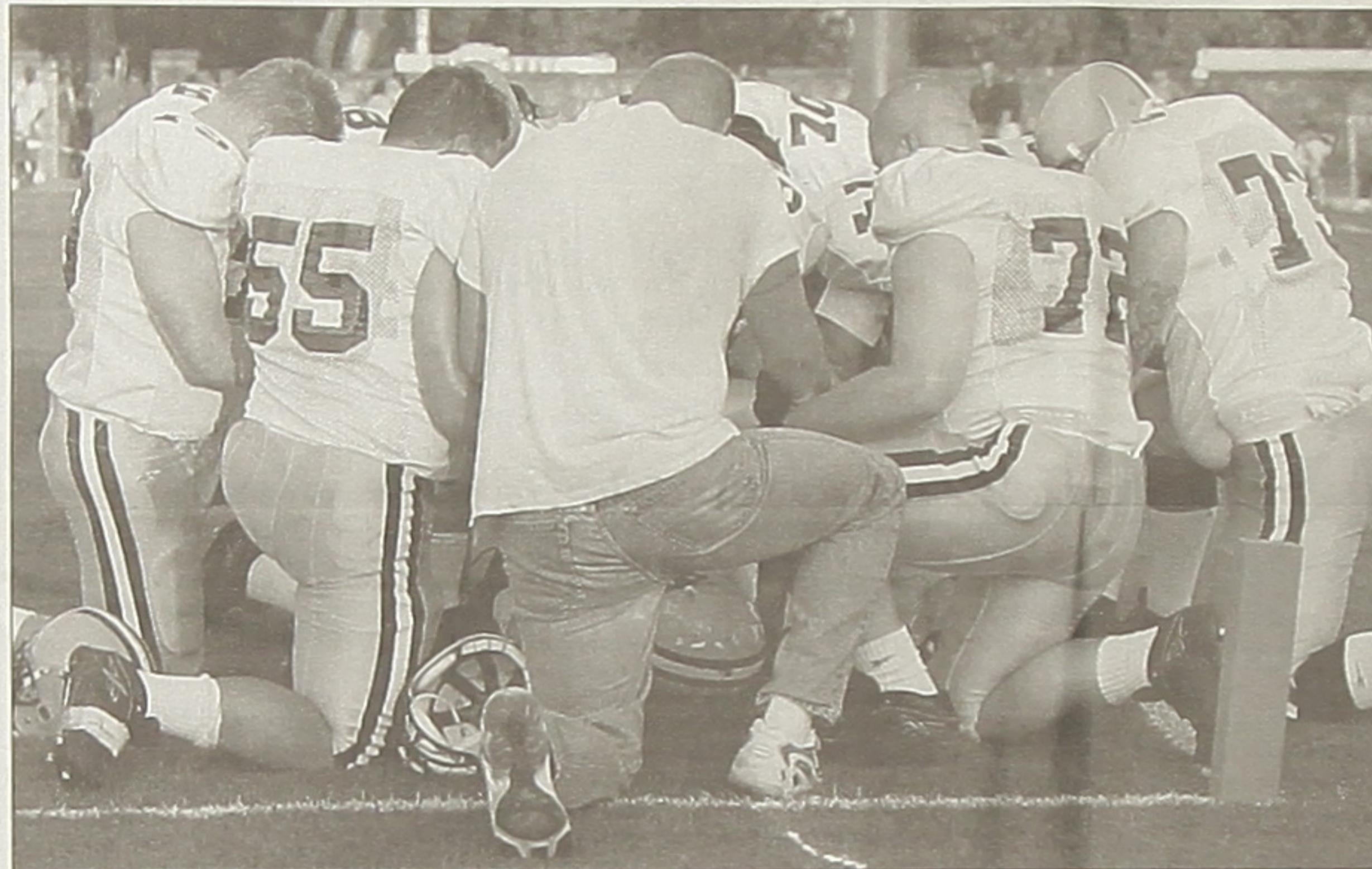
■ The Lady Lions didn't fare any better this season as they finished with a record of 2-12.

"We improved a lot this season," said Cook, who also coaches the women's team. "It wasn't too bad for our first season. We really surprised a lot of people. We were really hurt by a lot of injuries this year. If we hadn't lost so many players, we could easily have won another five or six games." □



FILE PHOTO/The Chart  
Tony Zito makes a move in a game earlier this season at Bodon Field. The Lions lost to Midwestern State last weekend. The loss dropped the Lions' record to 5-7 overall, but they have a chance to finish second in the MIAA.

FOOTBALL



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart  
Senior tackle Jason Owen (72) leads the offensive line in prayer before playing in the Miner's Bowl. Jason Young (center), who was told by doctors that he could no longer play football the week of the game, joined his fellow offensive linemen.

## Big boys up front pave the way for backs

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

**T**hey are the men responsible for opening holes and keeping defenders away from those with the ball. They usually carry the most weight on the team and most of the blame when an offense is impotent.

Who are these men? They are offensive linemen.

At an average 285 pounds, Missouri Southern's six-man rotation is not the largest or smallest in the MIAA. Senior linemen Jason Owen said Southern's offensive line prides itself on working hard despite a lack of recognition.

"As an offensive linemen, you have to take pride in what you do," Owen said. "No one likes to do what we do. Everyone sees the running backs and sees the quarterback, but what they don't realize is that none of what they do happens if we don't do our job."

Andy Saltink and Owen are the only seniors on the offensive line. Owen started two years at guard previous to this season and is capable of playing all five spots on the line. This year, he has split time between the guard and tackle spots. Saltink, a three-year starter at the tackle spot, redshirted as a freshman in 1994 and has provided leadership on a fairly young line.

Southern head coach Greg Gregory said he is pleased with the play of the senior linemen.

"Andy has been playing very solid football for us," he said.

"I have great respect for Jason," Gregory

added. "He's been our No. 1 back-up this year and has been ready to play every week at any position. He's going to start this week for us."

Ben Beeler, a transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A & M, serves as Southern's starting center.

The Tulsa native was named Metro Linemen of the Year at Jenks High School and joined the team during the spring semester of 1998.

Junior Mike Tosaw and sophomore Josh Brooks occupy the guard spots. Tosaw started at guard last season for the Lions and is Southern's strongest player. He put up an impressive 485-pound bench press and 810-pound squat last season, which were both school records. Previous to joining Southern's squad, he played at Western Illinois University.

Brooks started at offensive guard last season for the United States Military prep school and has started in three games for the Lions this season. The 290-pounder from LaMorda, Calif., was an all-state selection in high school.

In the left tackle spot stands 6-foot-5, 290-pound Daren Jones. Jones started his first game as a Lion last season against Northeastern State University and worked himself into a starting spot last spring. Jones, who has added tremendous size and strength in two seasons for the Lions, has two more years of eligibility left after this season.

"They have really improved physically throughout the season," Gregory said.

At the beginning of the season Jason Young was the starter at left tackle, but was notified that he could no longer play

after spells of dizziness due to an acute seizure disorder. Young started at tackle for the Lions last season, and the loss was felt by his teammates.

"He was a real leader," Owen said. "Losing him left a real void because of his great leadership. We were sorry to see him go."

Young said he is steadily getting over not playing football.

"I played for 12 years and I miss not being able to hit somebody or make a big block," Young said. "It is a harsh reality to think I'll never be able to put on the pads again."

Young is now the assistant coach of a Joplin Family Y team, but says it sometimes makes things harder.

"I tried not think about it," he added. "It's hard because everyone comes up to console me. It's good because they're trying to be a friend, but it makes me think about it."

Although Southern's offense has struggled this year, there have been some high spots.

The Lions racked up good numbers against the stingy defense of Central Missouri State and gained more total yards than the Pittsburg State offense.

Sometimes the successes go unnoticed, according to Owen.

"If we go out and do our jobs, no one really notices," he said. "But it's not until we screw up that we get noticed."

Gregory said he expects to see a dominant offensive line in the near future.

"I don't think they realize how good they can become," he said. "They can use these last games to springboard themselves and become one of the best." □

## RUNNERS: Meet to be held at PSU

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"There isn't one person who is going to win the race for us, and there isn't one person who is going to lose the race for us either," Vavra said. "This team is fully aware that it will take a team effort, and that has been their strength all season."

The men's team is also looking for a top four finish in the conference meet Saturday. Northwest, Central Missouri State, and Truman State are the top three teams going into the meet.

"We have three teams in our conference that are ranked in the top 25 in the nation," said head coach Tom Rutledge. "Then there is Pittsburg State, who is probably ranked 26th or 27th."

The Lions had an injury that may hamper their hopes of making it to the top four.

Sophomore Steve O'Neal pulled a hamstring last week in practice, but Rutledge expects him to pull through.

"Steve is a tough, tough young man," he said. "I honestly believe that he will run through it and perform well."

Like the women's team, the men will need a solid team performance in order to finish in the top four, according to Rutledge. The Lions have had good workouts during the last two weeks, and Rutledge hopes they will transfer over to Saturday's meet.

"We have to have a lot of personal records to have a shot at the top four," he said. "All of the team has to run a personal record; if we do

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**Patty Vavra**  
Head women's cross country coach

that, we will do well."

Pittsburg State could have the advantage since the meet is on its home course.

But Southern also has an advantage that some other schools might not have, teamwork.

"These guys are really wonderful; I never have to worry about them not getting along. They are all good friends," Rutledge said.

"They run their hearts out week after week, and I believe they have what it takes to finish in the top four." □

## FOOTBALL: McKinzie to start at QB

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second touchdown to Lester McCoy for 54 yards, and Shay had touchdown runs of 1 and 47 yards.

The Hornets finished the game with 552 total yards to Southern's 283.

Lydell Williams led the Lions in rushing with 44 yards while Antonio Whitney and Joey Ballard had 41 and 40 yards, respectively.

McKinzie completed four of four passes for 51 yards and rushed for a TD. The freshman will start for the Lions this week and will have jitters like any young quarterback in his first game at the helm.

"I'm a little bit nervous," McKinzie said. "It probably won't sink in until Saturday. I'll just have to go out there and do my job."

Gregory said he likes McKinzie's aggressiveness and the fact he was able to step up to the task of handling the offense

during tough times in last week's game.

"The only real positive that came out of the last game was playing him all of the fourth," Gregory said about McKinzie.

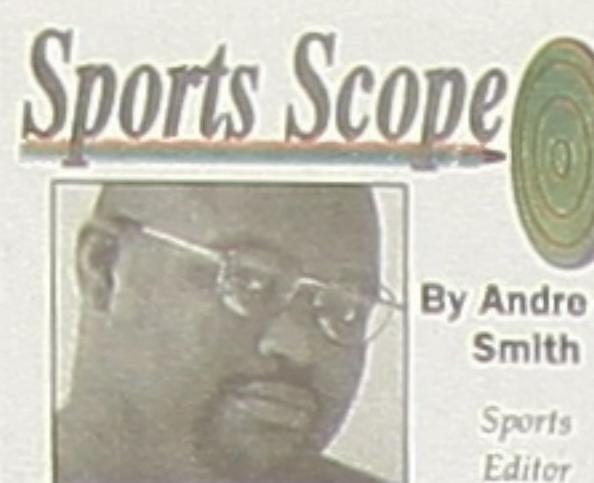
Terry Wright and Marque Owens led the defense with nine tackles apiece.

Owens also had a sack. Sophomore cornerback Devin Banks had an interception and returned it 65 yards.

The Lions will play Washburn University (3-4, 2-3) at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in their Homecoming game.

Gregory said the Lions may be seeing senior quarterback Brad Cornelison in action some time soon.

"He was jogging around a little bit today," Gregory said on Wednesday. "With him in there, we may be sitting in a better place in the league right now. When he feels like he is ready to go full speed, then he will play." □



CROSS COUNTRY

# The Chart SPORTS SCENE

Friday, October 23, 1998

**Shay's records unrespectable after blowout**

I don't smoke crack. Let's just get that out of the way right now. I am on no kind of narcotics nor am I on medication or in the care of a doctor. However, most people may have thought I had fried eggs for brains and dope in my veins after last week's horrible prediction of Missouri Southern's football game against Emporia State.

I predicted the Lions to win 34-30, but they didn't. Instead, they lost 63-17. The only correct prediction was that Brian Shay would rush for more than 200 yards. We can thank Emporia State head coach Manny Matsakis for that one.

Matsakis kept Shay in the game until the final tick of the clock. The game was clearly out of reach early in the fourth quarter, yet Shay's number was mysteriously called more times than many people thought necessary.

Shay, who is called the "super back" in Emporia State's offense, broke three more records thanks to his extra 10 or 12 carries. His third-to-last run led to a 47-yard touchdown sprint at the 5:47 mark in the fourth. With that run he had his sixth 200-yard rushing game of the season, which broke the NCAA Division II mark. His 231 yards on Saturday raised his total to 6,215, enough to break Jarrett Anderson's MIAA rushing record.

An early fourth-quarter touchdown helped him pass Walter Payton (Jackson State, 1971-74) and move into first place on the career scoring list with 466 points.

Shay, a Harlon Hill candidate (the Division II Heisman) has skills and there is no doubt that he is head and shoulders above his fellow Division II running backs. Although Shay could very well be the best player in Division II, there is a question of sportsmanship and a thing I like to call "due yardage."

Due yardage is the amount gained to the point in the game in which the other team is losing so badly that they play guys who are second and third on the depth chart.

I can't have respect for a record that is broken against an under-developed freshman and sophomore defense. I don't think that a person who puts up impressive numbers against a third-team defense is deserving of the Harlon Hill trophy. That is not an excuse for the blowout, but there are players such as Northwest Missouri State's Chris Greisen who continuously post great numbers against starters.

In Saturday's game, Shay was held to 46 yards on 11 carries in the first half. In the fourth quarter, with the score 49-10 and a frustrated defense trying to get the game over, Shay was finally able to rip off 106 yards, which gave him his record(s).

Lion head coach Greg Gregory will never forget Saturday's 46-point loss to Emporia. Players who suffered the loss will not forget it either. I think next year's slogan for the Emporia State game at Fred G. Hughes Stadium should be "Run it up!" For every point that the Lions beat the Hornets by, each of them should receive that many ounces of steak for dinner that night.

Many of our mothers have taught us not to wish bad thoughts upon people. I can't help it. Emporia's day is coming, and someone is going to beat them so bad you'd think they were spray-painting cars in Singapore. □

## Southern prepared for MIAA meet

By ANDY SEARCY  
STAFF WRITER

**S**aturday in Pittsburg, Kan., will be the meet that the Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country teams have been looking forward to all season. That's right, the MIAA championship meet. "One of our goals this season was to finish

in the top four in conference," said women's head coach Patty Vavra, "which right now we have a good chance of doing."

Vavra feels confident that her team can finish in the top four, especially since her team has had good workouts the last two weeks.

"We've cut back the mileage a little more and we've started to get ready not only physically but mentally too," she said. "Trying to

keep things as steady as we can."

Both the men's and women's teams took last weekend off to get ready for the meet. But the entire conference did as well.

The Lady Lions have been fighting some sickness in the past week. Junior Jill Becker has had a cold and the flu for the past couple of weeks.

"Emily Petty is one of Jill's roommates, and

we've been trying to keep her healthy so she won't get it," Vavra said. "We have been fighting some sickness lately, but hopefully we just caught it early and it will go away."

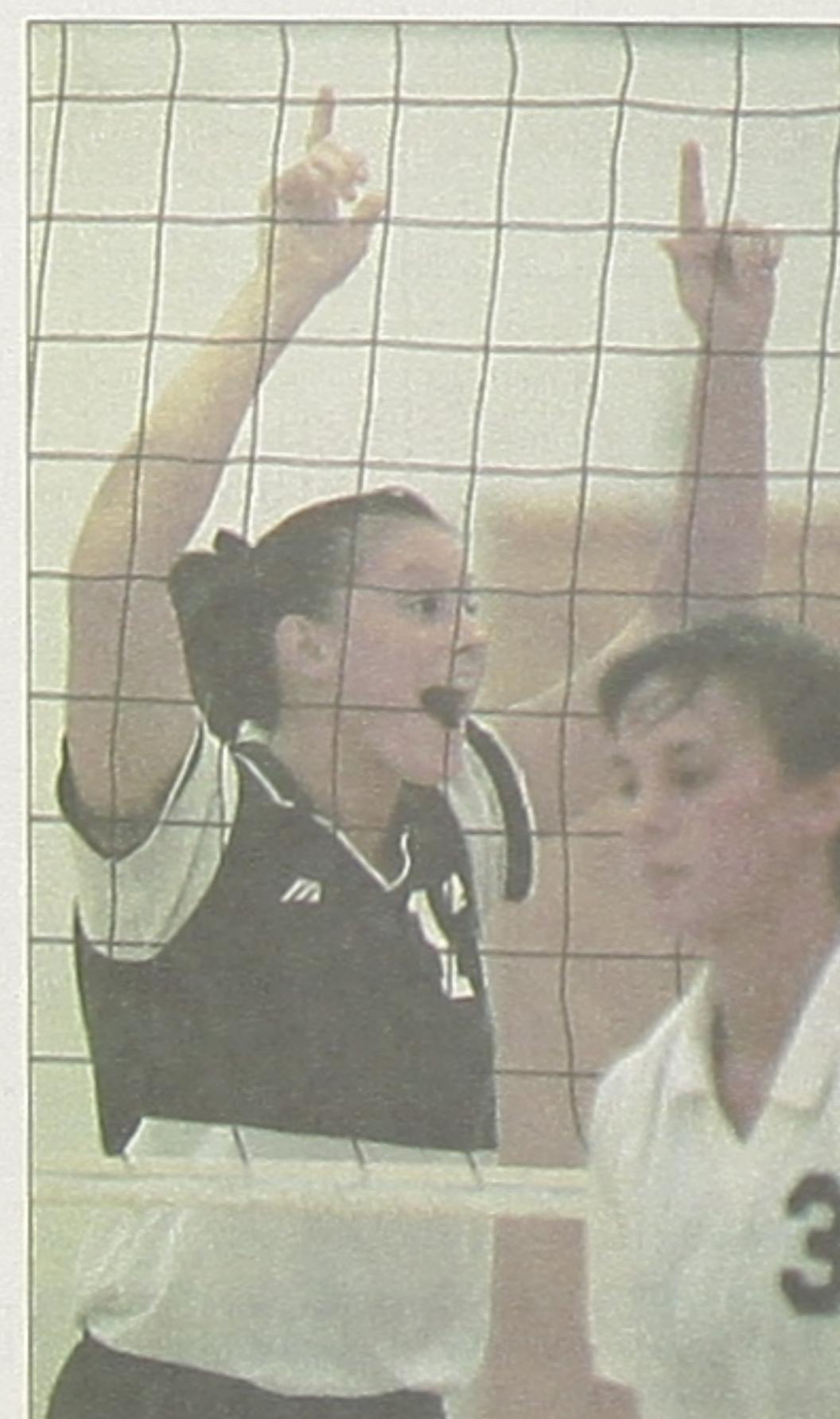
The Lady Lions' main competition will come from Northwest Missouri State and Pittsburg State.

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VOLLEYBALL



MISSOURI SOUTHERN'S KATIE MOORE (left) and ERIN FIELDING (right) attempt a block against regionally fifth-ranked Emporia State on Friday night.



Katie Moore celebrates after a Southern score in game one.

## Lady Lions end weekend 1-1

**Volleyball team falls to Emporia, demolishes Lady Blues in three**

ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

**F**riday night, Missouri Southern's volleyball team suffered a tough defeat to Emporia State at home. The regionally fifth-ranked Lady Hornets put together a serious comeback in the first game after being down 8-1 to edge the Lady Lions 15-12. Emporia would not allow as many points in the next two games in winning 15-7, 15-6. The victory increased Emporia's record to 18-4 overall, 7-2 MIAA, and dropped the Lady Lions to 4-16 overall, 3-7 MIAA.

"The first part of the game we played extremely well," said Missouri Southern head coach Debbie Traywick. "Our transition was good and we were really clicking. After that, Emporia woke up and our passing broke down. And when that happened, we got in trouble."

Erin Fielding led in kills with 13, and Brianna Abel had four assisted blocks. Amber Collins led in assists with 38. Meredith Hyde had 19 digs to go along with 10 kills, and Heather Olson added 14 digs.

Emporia head coach Maxine Mehus was pleased with her team's performance.

"We had to work hard to put Southern away," she said. "They jumped out to a big lead, but we were patient and came right back. We settled down and got our cylinders running and ran off strings of points. We had a good, consistent offense and had some great defensive plays."

Saturday night, the Lady Lions redeemed themselves from Friday night's loss by whipping the Washburn Lady Blues 15-9, 15-8, 15-11. The impressive victory gave them their fifth overall win of the season and fourth conference win. Washburn's record dropped to 11-13 overall, 4-7 MIAA.

"We were more focused," Traywick said, "and we stayed with it consistently."

Hyde had 11 kills, and Katie Moore added 10. Abel and Rachel Miller led in blocks with three and four, respectively. Olson had another strong defensive performance with 18 digs, and Fielding added 14.

"Washburn beat us at their place 15-13 in the fifth game," Traywick added. "That was heart-breaking, and I think our girls remembered it."

The Lady Lions will be back in action tonight when they face Truman State at 7 in Young Gymnasium. □

FOOTBALL

## Hornets kill Lions at Emporia

ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

**E**moria State's football team broke a 29-year-old record Saturday as the Hornets pounded Missouri Southern 63-17 at Welch Stadium in Emporia, Kan.

Pittsburg State scored 61 points against the Lions on Nov. 8, 1969, which was the most points until Saturday. It was also a record-breaking day for Emporia State's Brian Shay as he surpassed Jarrett Anderson in the MIAA record books for career rushing yards with 6,215. He needs only 105 yards to break the NCAA all-time rushing record, held by Johnny Bailey (6,320).

In addition to that record, Shay also surpassed Walter Payton's 466 points in the NCAA Division II record books with 472. His 231-yard performance Saturday gave him his sixth 200-yard rushing game of the season, which is also a Division II record.

"It was the worst performance I've experienced as a coach or a player," Lion head coach Greg Gregory said. "We didn't do the job coaching or playing. It was just a bad game all around."

Southern (1-5 overall, 1-4 MIAA) went three-and-out on its first possession, and Emporia went right to work. After Jaret Vito returned Michael Tiffany's 37-yard punt to the Southern 18, it took Emporia (6-1, 4-1) four plays to score.

On fourth and 2, quarterback Trent Fuller scored on a 10-yard run after botching a handoff. A Mark Lewandowski field goal and a 16-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Mark Lloyd would be all the Lions would score until Seth McKinzie skipped into the end zone with 1:49 left in the game.

Emporia scored on four of its five possessions in the first half and took a comfortable 35-10 lead to the locker room at halftime. Kickoff coverage had not been a dark spot for the Lions all season, but it was Saturday. Gerard Clemons returned a kickoff 90 yards, which was the first kickoff return against Southern this season.

The second half was no better for Southern. Fuller tossed his

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Washburn Ichabods  
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